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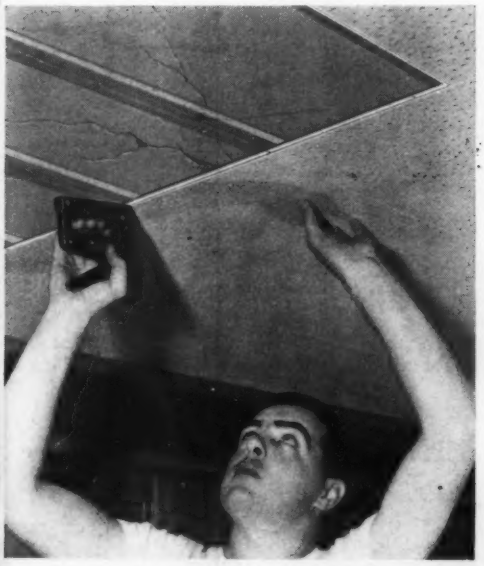

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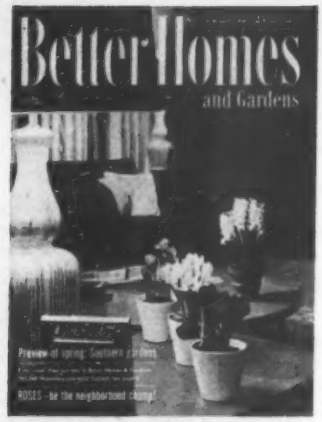

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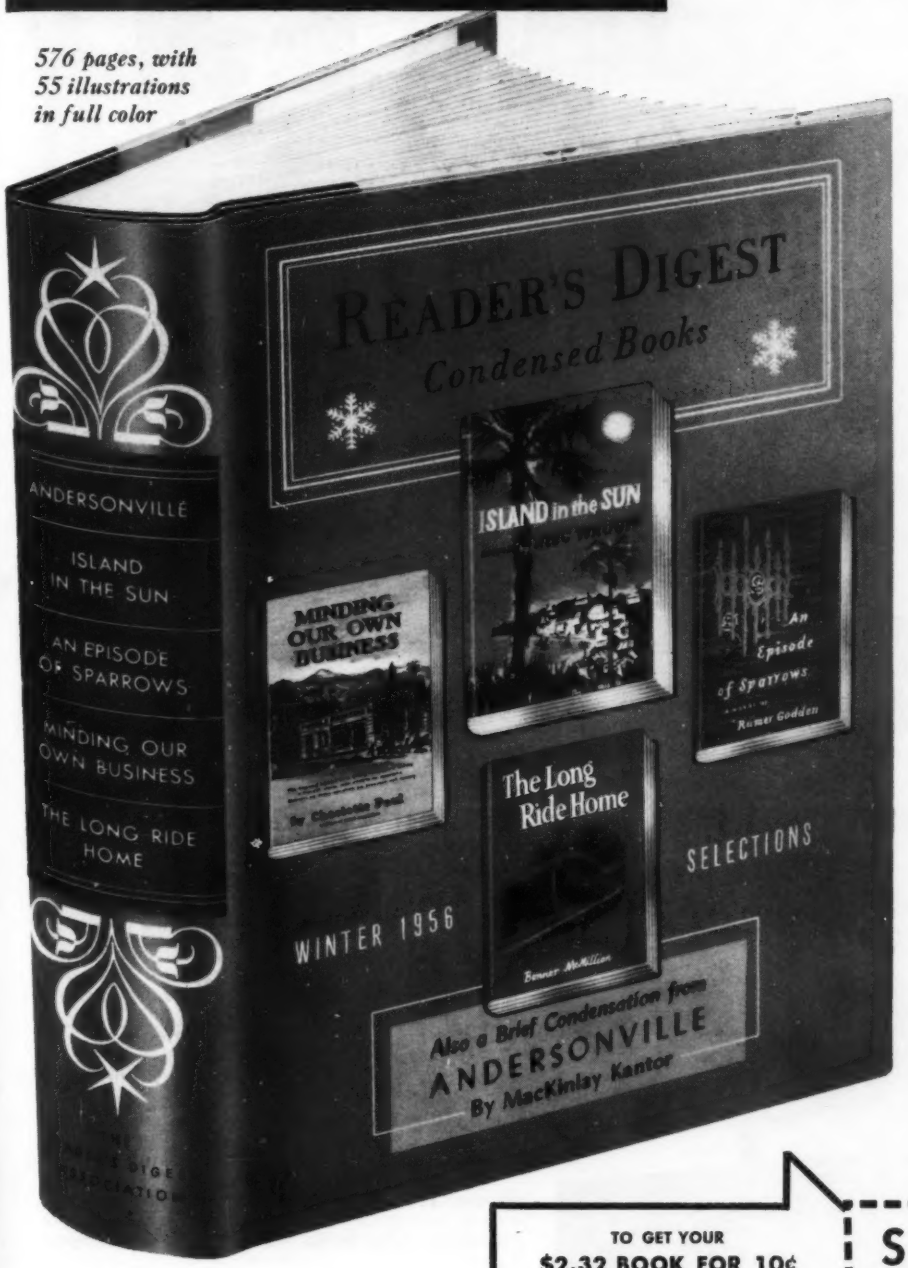

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2. Interiors: All improvements within confines of existing house, except a kitchen or utility area. This includes improving beauty and practicality of rooms through new furnishings, decorating, papering, and painting. Examples: A dining room made into a family room; bedroom space from a formerly unfinished attic. Updating a bathroom, improving a window area. Putting basement to better use through redesigning, rearrangement—including heating, air conditioning, plumbing equipment. Smaller improvements like a new fireplace, or updating of an old one. Resurfacing a wall or floor.

3. Additions: Any new, enclosed space attached to your house. Examples: A bedroom added to the present house, added space for a bathroom, provision for a family room, a vestibule entry with extra storage, a covered porch, an attached greenhouse.

4. Kitchen-Utility Areas: This covers all kitchens and/or utility areas either remodeled from present space or added, or both. Examples: Better arrangement and updating of kitchen equipment. Increasing kitchen efficiency through better traffic, storage, and work areas. Adding eating space in kitchen. Relocation of utility area to more convenient spot. Your kitchen and utility area may be separate or combined. Repainting and redecorating count as much here as elsewhere.

Remember, you choose the division for your project. Then, after we receive your Final Entry Form, our judges will decide into which of four classes in each division it goes. These classes (A-B-C-D under each division) are based on the scope of the project itself. Thus, all entries compete only with others of equal scope. *A small, inexpensive improvement will have the same chance to win a prize as a large, costly project.*

You may enter more than one division. Example: If you make an addition to your present house for a kitchen, you might choose to enter your project in both "Additions" and "Kitchen-Utility" divisions. Sections of a larger project, taking in a whole house and lot, might be entered in each of the four divisions. Separate Final Entry Forms must be used for *each* entry in cases such as this. Contest editor will supply extra Final Entry Forms on request.

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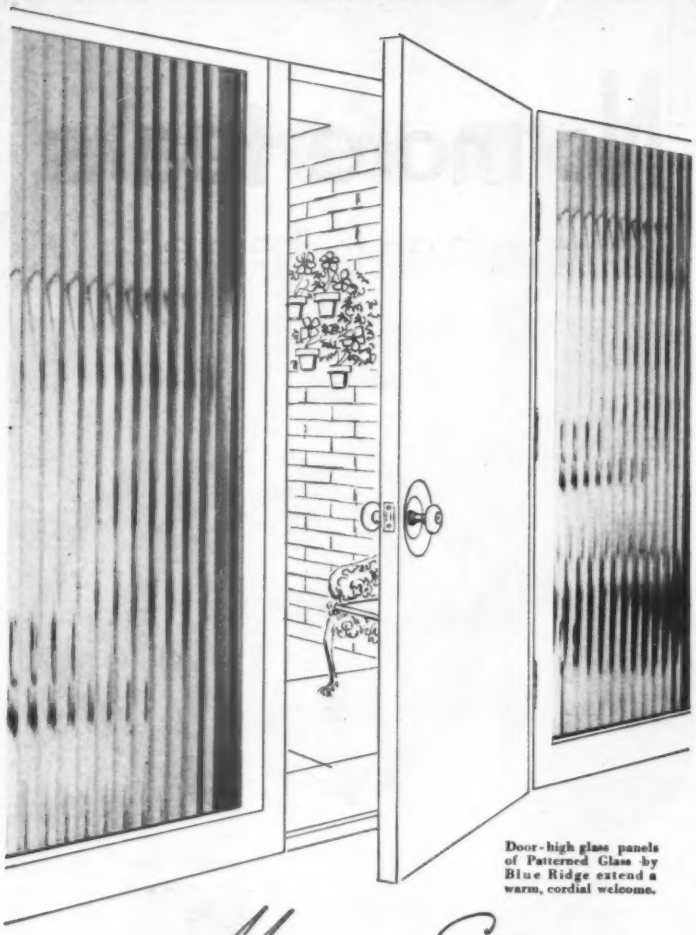

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Here's an idea!

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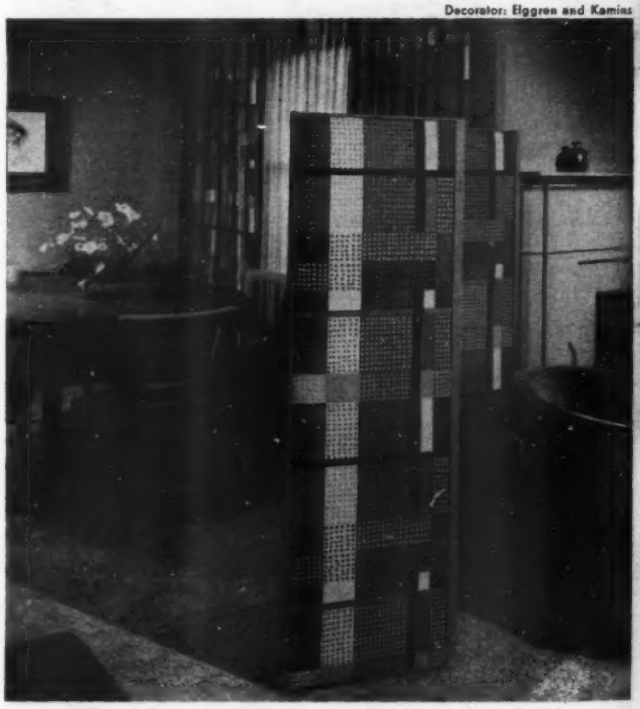
Decorator: Arthur T. Bent, A.I.D.

A half-table bolted to the wall may be your answer for an area in a bedroom or hall that gets too much traffic for a full-size table. An old embroidered edging is framed to blend with the antique mirror and color scheme. Charles Copeland home, Dover, Massachusetts

Decorator: Eggren and Kamins



Covering a screen to match your drapery pattern gives the screen the look of "belonging." This one has double function of making enough wall space for a fireside chair, and partially blocking view of dining room from living room. Home of Mrs. Jack Flagg, Seattle

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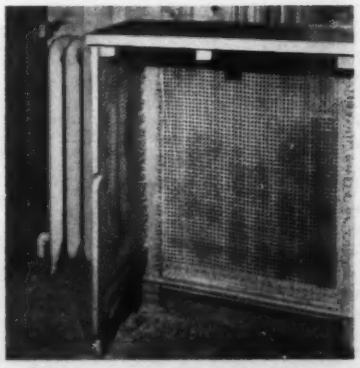
The distance between shelves was planned in advance so that each size glass would have a space that exactly fit it.

Pieces of 1x6 board between shelves hold them in place, give plenty of support, plus a neat, finished look to the interior of the cabinet.

Covering a radiator and converting an unused doorway into the glass cupboard shown above has made this a good-looking, useful corner. The louvered doors are stained to match woodwork.

The caning used in the radiator cover does not interfere with the flow of heat.



Inside view of radiator cover shows how simple it is to construct, and how easily it can be moved at radiator-cleaning time. Caning was fastened to wood frame with staple gun.

The frame should extend at least two inches above the radiator to allow heat to circulate. Cover is finished to match the rest of the woodwork.

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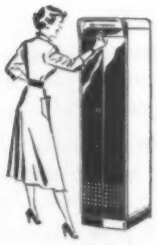

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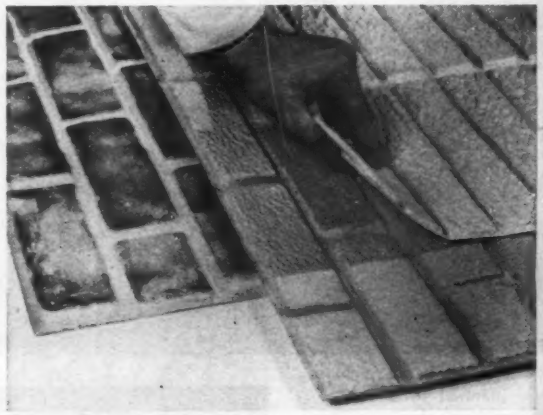


Three-dimensional, simulated brick of styron (a plastic material) is easy for handyman to install with adhesive or tiny brads. It's manufactured in three brick types—antique, Roman, and modern—each measuring about 2x4 feet.

Liquid plastic hides joints, nailheads, and outside corners. To create "courses," half-bricks are removed at joints.

This ball-bearing washer stops leaky faucets—lets you turn water on and shut it off at a touch of a finger.

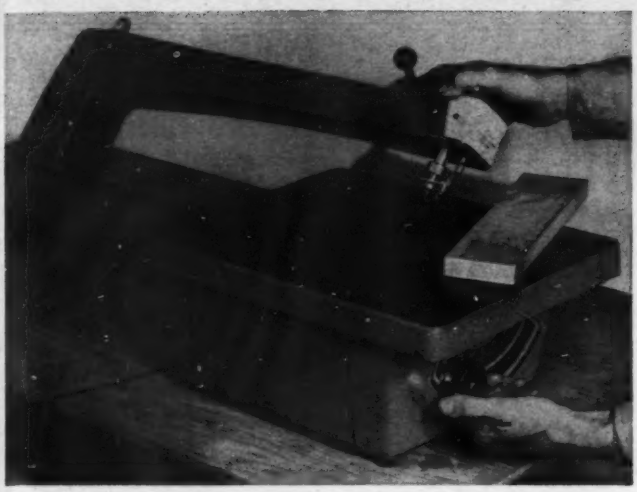
Unit is attached to end of stem by means of self-tapping screw. A nylon cap fits over screw and into the washer housing, as shown.

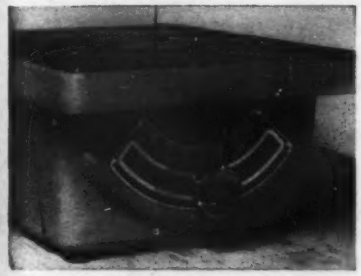
Photographs: Stanley

Removing paint smears next to putty lines around window panes need not be a tedious or tiring job if you put this scraper to work.

Lightweight handle assembly is fitted with scraper blade and tiny metal rollers which slide easily along edge of the putty lines.

Blade will leave the right amount of paint on glass for seal when excess paint is off.





Boards stay flat while you cut them on this new 20-inch, tilting-arbor jigsaw.

Blade, arm, and motor all turn together as one unit—from 0 to 45 degrees on either side—at flick of turning knob, shown in photograph at left.

Positive locking action and the easy-to-read "degree table" assure accuracy.

Push-pull rule features extra long and wide white blade that is rigid enough for horizontal, vertical, and overhead measurements.

The two scales are separated by gauge line, permitting you to figure in feet and inches, total inches, or convert the measurement reading to one or the other at a glance.

The hook on end gives you "from zero" accuracy.

Compound angles are easy to cut with regular handsaw and this miter-protractor tool.

Powerful magnetic action holds your saw at right tension while you make cut.

The protractor adjustment turns to all horizontal angles—45 degrees both directions.

Unit is light and compact to simplify storage. The magnets give years of service.

Expansion fastener for soft walls (gypsum wallboard, asbestos, fiberboard, wood, etc.) and "brittle" walls (plastic, glass, and so on) prevents tearing and shattering of the material during and after an installation.

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How "AVERAGE" are you?

Do you have a better-than-average income? Spending more than you're getting from your car? More illness in your family than in others? Here are the answers

By Clifford B. Hicks

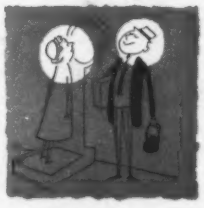
They're slightly over 30 years old. He stands 5 feet, 8½ inches tall. He's 4¼ inches taller than his wife. The rest of this family totals, oddly enough, 1.5 persons.

This family doesn't really exist, of course, for it's the average American family, the great statistic, the vast agglomerate YOU. Just how normal are you? How does your family stack up against the national average? Is your income up to par? Is your budget out of line? Do you spend more for home repairs than other people?

Statistics from the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, insurance companies and independent groups draw a thorough portrait of that average family. Each time you have a baby, catch a cold, or take a Sunday drive, the statistics change, but most of them change very slowly.

Here's some interesting information about *You.*

What am I like?



You weigh 156 pounds and your wife worries about tipping the scales at 133. When you're relaxing, your pulse ticks along at 72 beats per minute, and your wife's at about 80. You may not give it a passing thought, but you inhale 13 times every minute.

The median age of men is 29.9 years; women 30.5. If you are 35 years old, you have reached the exact midpoint of your life, and can expect precisely another 35 years to accomplish all those things you think about today but put off until tomorrow. Your wife reaches this pivot point of life at 37.4 years—though she may not admit middle age for another 10 years.

Is our family healthy?

A survey shows that one-half the population has no disabling (loss-of-work) illness during the year. The other half has two illnesses, so the average is one sickness per person every year. Regardless of how many times you are sick, you are disabled an average of seven days a year. If you have to call the family doctor for treatment, chances are he'll see you 3.2 more times before you are well.

According to the cases reported, measles is the most prevalent communicable disease, followed by venereal diseases, scarlet fever, tuberculosis.

One out of every ten of your acquaintances will go to the hospital this year. The average stay will be 8.3 days and the hospital will charge $97. The average cost for a hospitalized illness is $245.

One in twenty persons spends part of his life in a hospital for mental patients. It's incredible, but more than half the hospital beds in the country are occupied by mental patients.

And you may have doubts as you watch Junior shinny up a tree, but age 10 is the safest year of life. Fewer fatal illnesses, fewer fatal accidents.

Did we marry younger—or older?

If you are an average couple, you were married when you were 23.8 years old and your bride was a blushing 21.4. In general, a groom in his twenties marries a girl a year or two younger than himself. In his thirties he takes a bride five years younger, and by his mid-fifties he's traipsing up to the altar with a woman eight years his junior.

One-fourth of all brides aged 25 to 29 are divorcees, and nearly half of all brides aged 35 to 44 have made the trip down the aisle at least once before.

Will our baby be a boy or a girl?

Chances are about even, but slightly weighted in favor of a boy, as six percent more boys are born than girls. (Males continue to outnumber females up to age 50.) Boys don't "run" in some families, but the odds are the same every time a spanking-new baby starts his journey on this whirling old globe.

Drawings: Gene Stamp

Consider yourself lucky that you can have a child. About one-sixth of all the women who have passed the age of reproduction are childless.

Your chances of having a fine healthy baby are excellent, and bouncing higher all the time. Last year the infant-mortality rate dropped to a new low of 2.67 per 100 live births. For some unknown reason, the chances of a second baby being born alive are [*Turn to page 20*

Cooking champions say: "There never was anything like it before!"

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1 frying chicken, cut in 6-8 pcs.
½ cup flour 2 tsp. salt
FLUFFO for frying

Roll chicken pieces in flour and salt mixed together. Brown in hot Fluffo in large frying pan. When well browned, reduce heat, cover and cook till done, about 30 minutes. *Gravy:* Pour off drippings leaving about ¼ cup in pan, stir in 2 tbsp. flour. Add 1½ cups milk, stir constantly over medium heat till boiling, reduce heat, simmer and stir 2 min. more. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Golden Fluffo Biscuits: Combine 2 cups sifted enriched flour, 2½ tsp. double-acting baking powder and 1 tsp. salt in mixing bowl. Cut in ⅓ cup Fluffo till mixture looks like coarse cornmeal. Add ¾ cup milk, stir with fork till dough holds together. Knead about 10 strokes on lightly floured board, roll to ½" thickness, cut out biscuits. Bake on ungreased baking sheet 12 to 15 min. at 425°.

Southern Buttermilk Biscuits: Use ¾ cup buttermilk in place of sweet milk, and 2 teaspoons baking powder plus ½ teaspoon baking soda in recipe above.

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excellent. The chances decrease slightly, but progressively, for each successive child after the second. Your chances of having a premature baby? About 1 in 20.

The odds are 1 in 95 that you'll have twins, and 1 in 9,900 that you will hit the jackpot with triplets. Forget about quadruplets; your chances are 1 in 600,000.

Two years usually pass between marriage and the arrival of the first child, who is born when the average mother is between the ages of 20 and 24.

The cost of having a baby? A survey of families in the $4,000 to $5,000 class shows that the average cost is $400. The doctor takes $150 of this, the hospital $95, a minimum layette $50, household help for a short time $80, and incidentals $20.

Is our income up to snuff?

If your family income in 1954 was more than $5,330 you've topped the average. After deduction of federal income tax, this gives you about $4,820 to spend as your wife sees fit. The average income for nonfarm families is $6,390 and for farm families $3,460.

You have the greatest family responsibility at age 40, but you don't receive your top income until you reach 45 to 54. After that, there's a gradual decrease.

Did you ever try to calculate your present "money value" as a person? This is the amount of money you'll earn in the future, less what you'll spend to maintain yourself. At age 40, for example, a man who earns $5,000 after income-tax deductions has a money value of $54,500. You might point this out to your wife the next time she wants you to hang the second-floor storm windows.

Is our budget out of kilter?

That depends on your family. Food tops the list of expenses in the national average, taking about 30 percent of the budget. Housing lops off about 12 percent, an 11 percent slice goes to your clothing and another 11 percent to your car. Among insured families, about 4 percent of the budget goes for life-insurance premiums on four to six individual policies. You spend 5 percent on medical care. A big portion of this goes to your doctor, as he takes in $22,298 a year. Don't blow your top at his bills, though, without considering his expenses. Actually, his net spending income in one recent year was $13,432. Incidentally, your dentist has a spending income of $7,820 and your lawyer $8,730.

What are our odds against a divorce?

The great adding machine clicks away and comes up with the regrettable fact that one marriage in every six will end in divorce within the first 10 years. About 42 percent of all divorces involve children—an average of 1.8 per broken family.

Watch your step during the first year of marriage; more wedlocks turn into deadlocks then than in any other single year. You can breathe a little easier after that, but the third year is the second most dangerous.

Do our children miss more school than they should?

Across the country, schools average 177.9 days in session during the year. Of this, the average student is absent 20 days. Half the absences are due to colds, many to stomach-aches, and a few to old-fashioned hooky. The average length of absence, according to one survey, is 2.5 days.

Is our school system up to par?

Check the number of students in your child's classroom. The average school system has 24.1 students per teacher. Do you pay your teachers the going scale? According to an estimate by the National Education Association, the average elementary/high-school teacher's salary for the 1954-55 school session was $3,932. You and your fellow taxpayers annually dig out $224 per pupil to educate your kids, and you have an additional investment of $511 per pupil in school property.

What do your figures show about our home?

Currently, about 55 percent of all American families own their homes (if you disregard the mortgage). We're a nation of migrants, though. In 1953, for example, one out of every five persons moved to a different house. According to the Institute of Life Insurance, owners place an average value of $10,700 on their homes. About half of those homes are mortgaged and the average mortgage is $4,800. You probably spend $250 a year for home repair and improvements.

The postman drops 305 pieces of mail into your box during the year and you make 438 phone calls.

Do we eat too much?

Figures don't lie. Check your figure against these: The average

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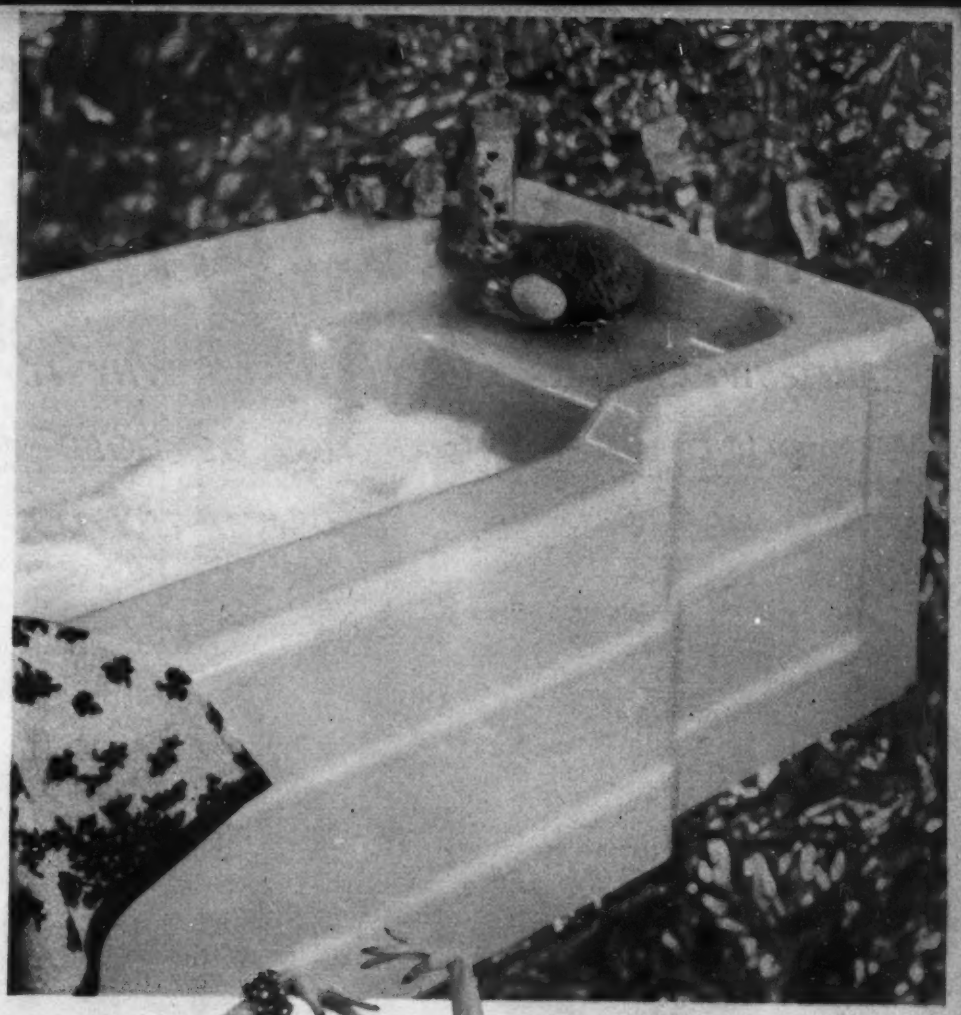

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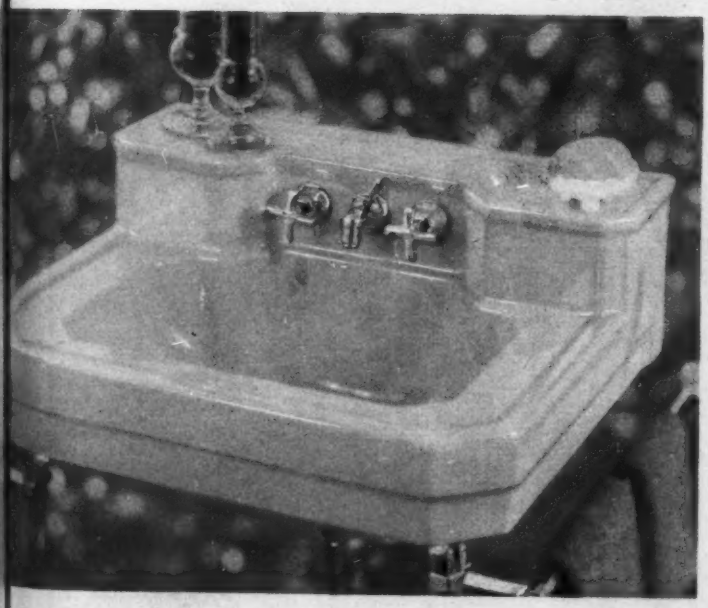

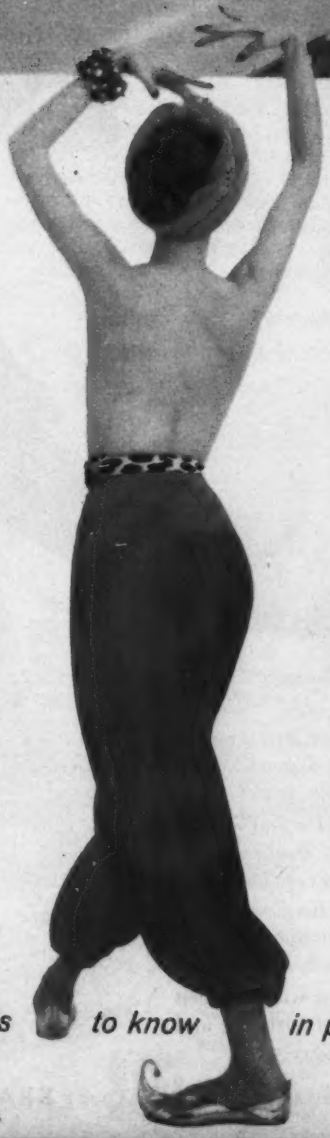

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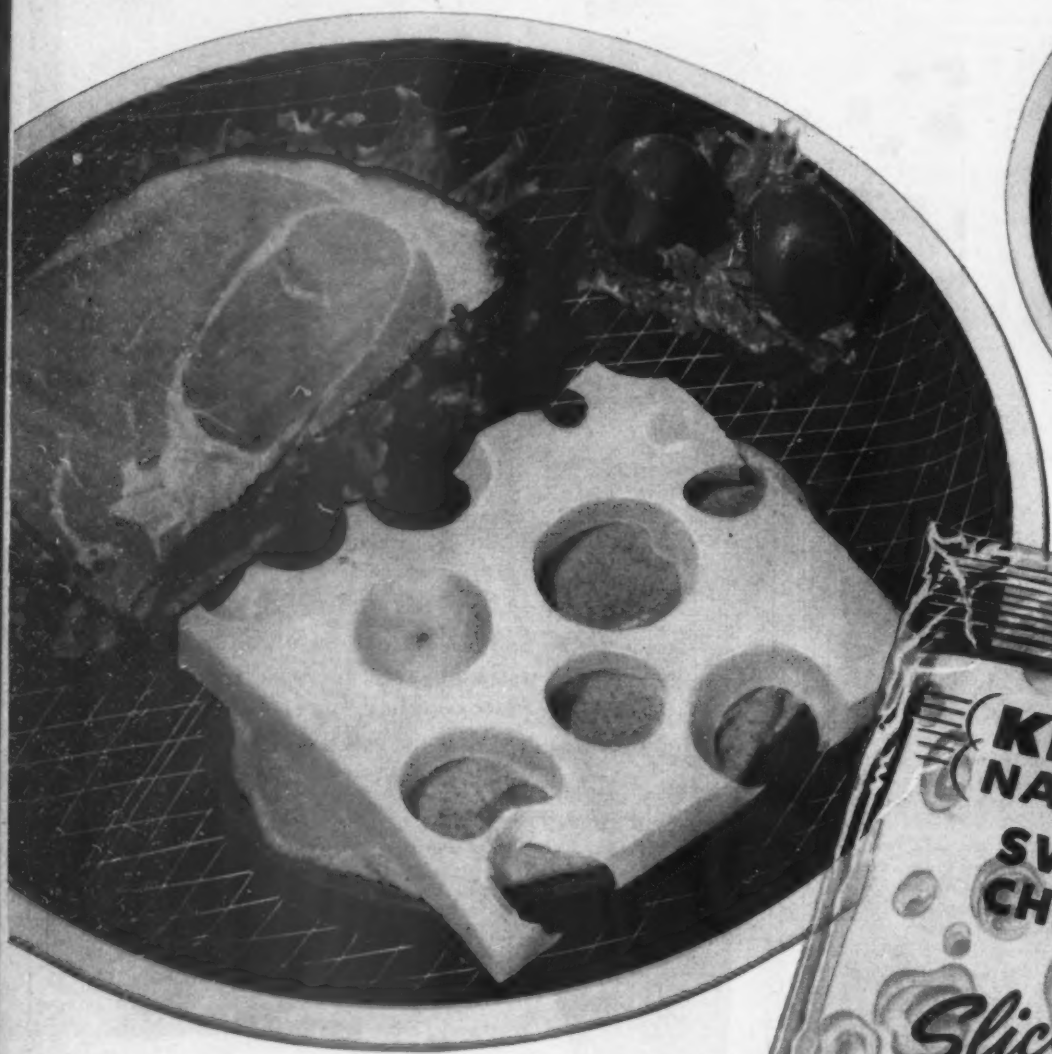

Next time you open up a cold bottle . . . or give yourself a "break" with a steaming cup . . . enjoy a snack of the cheese that's meant to go with your favorite drink.

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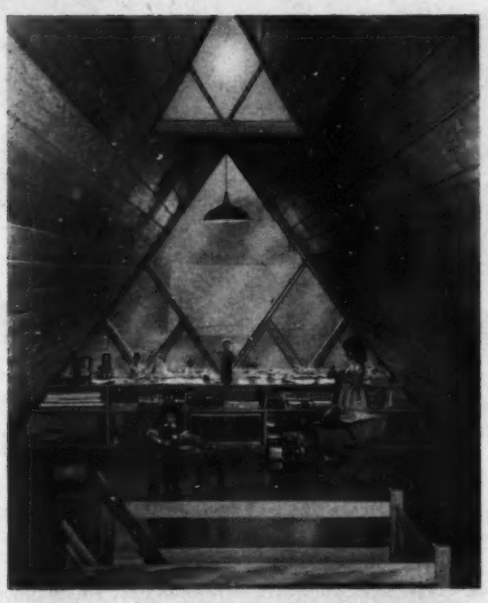
The larger, diamond-shaped windows are stationary, but the small, triangular-shaped windows open.

Ceiling-high frosted-glass panels conceal fluorescent lighting.



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Extra storage is behind sloping ceiling wall. Here, daughter Kerry pulls doll buggy out of one of two such storage areas. "Ramp" folds up and hooks into place when not in use. Note how ready-made cabinet is given a built-in look by adding handyman-made wedge-shaped shelves which continue it to wall. Back serves as headboard

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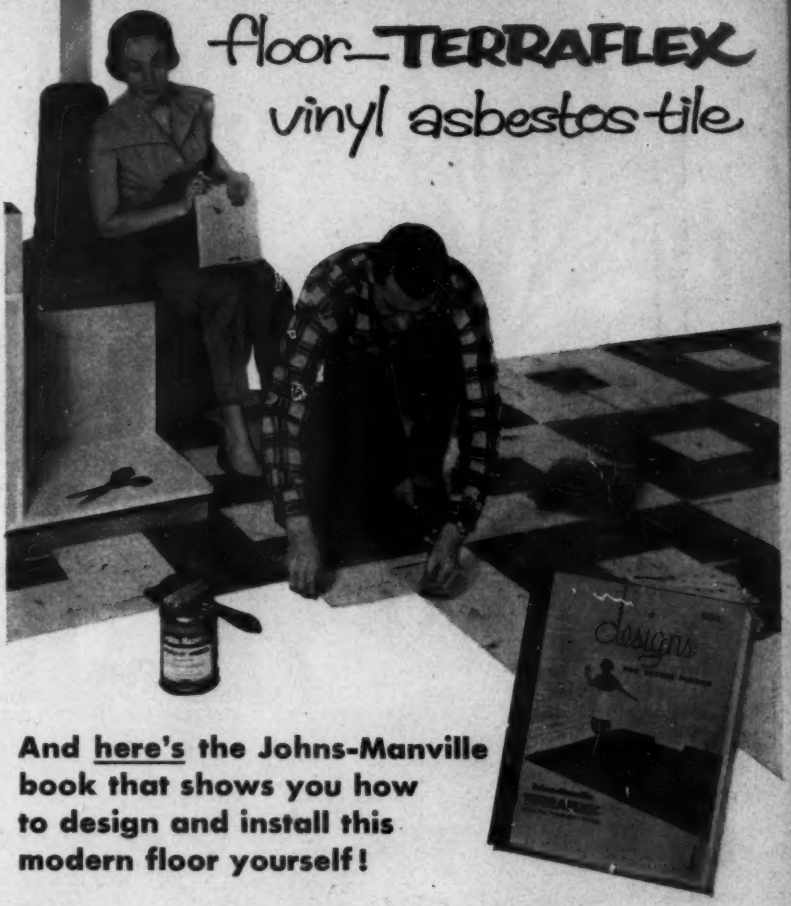

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Latest Garden News

By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

More "variety" in gardening

Warmer weather and new chemicals are working together to give gardeners a greater choice of plants.

Many of our finer ornamentals are limited in their usefulness because they won't take cold weather. Now, able weathermen feel there is evidence of a warming trend. They expect our winters and summers to get progressively warmer for the next half century.

If this is true, the northern range of plants can be extended another hundred miles with reasonable safety. Certainly, now is the time to gamble with shrubs that are marginally hardy.

For the owner of a small lot, half-hardy trees may not be as desirable a risk. Shrubs would be easier to replace if present predictions prove wrong.

The chelated iron compounds are bringing the broad-leaved evergreens closer to the Midwest. The acid-loving plants in this group—azaleas, blueberries, and rhododendrons—haven't previously been able to survive in the alkaline soils of the Midwest.

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Phony DDT fools resistant flies

Insects now resistant to DDT are in for a sad surprise. Israeli scientists, working to make DDT more effective, have produced a phony DDT, chemically diaryl-(trifluoromethyl)-carbinol. They had hoped it would be an effective substitute for DDT, but it wasn't.

When, however, they mixed the phony DDT with the real product, it killed resistant flies much more effectively than either chemical alone.

Scientists theorize that the phony DDT saturates the organs which the insects use to neutralize DDT. This allows the original form to work with full effect.

Plant studies shed light on cancer

New research indicates there is a strong similarity between abnormal tissues in plants and animals.

At the University of Wisconsin, plant tumors have been produced by many of the same agents that induce cancerous conditions in animals. The Wisconsin research team has also discovered a new hormonal substance which inhibits plant tumors. They extracted it from plants in flower, where it occurs naturally.

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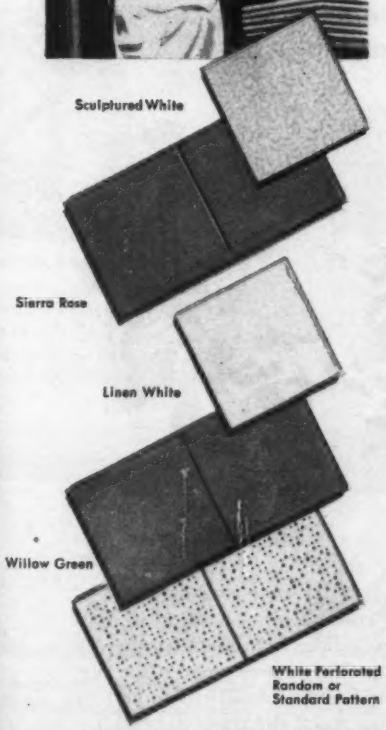

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By Mort Weisinger

During the next 12 months, several thousand Americans will commit involuntary suicide. Their methods of self-destruction will include every variety of extinction known to the morgue-keeper's blotter.

The common denominator in this annual toll of untimely death is false knowledge. You may think you know how to stay alive, but don't bet your life on it. Not until you hear what the safety experts have to say. For what you *do* know can kill you!

What are the most common, popular notions which imperil your life? To learn the answers, the author consulted safety engineers, fire authorities, health leaders, and other experts. Here, assembled in questionnaire form, is a collection of false facts which you should promptly unlearn. How many do you believe in now?

If you must stop beside a crowded highway at night, pull over but keep your taillights on.

Drawings: Joe Pearson

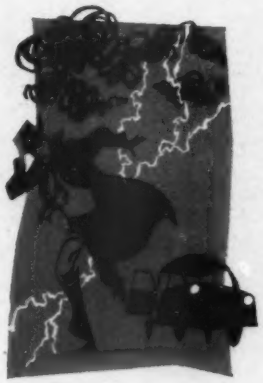
False. According to highway safety experts, this is a highly dangerous practice. It was responsible recently for a tragedy to a family of four on Connecticut's Merritt Parkway. The car's left front tire went flat, and the driver pulled off the parkway onto the grass. It was dark and he did not turn off his taillights. When another car came speeding along, its driver followed the red taillights, roared up on the grass and crashed into the parked car, killing every member of the family. Light a flare, wave a flashlight . . . but douse the taillights.

Last year, U. S. coroners reported 21 deaths due to mushroom poisoning. You can eat wild mushrooms safely providing you first test them for poison with the "silver spoon" method.

False. According to Dr. William F. Boos, poison expert and author of the book, *The Poison Trail*, the popular test of the silver spoon is a dangerous fraud. For hundreds of years mushroom gatherers have been taught that if a silver spoon is placed in contact with a harmful mushroom, it will turn black.

Actually, the blackening of silver by mushrooms is wholly due to the sulfur they contain. Many edible mushrooms are rich in sulfur and will blacken a spoon almost at once, while some of the toxic varieties are low in sulfur and have a slight effect.

You are driving during a storm and lightning begins to strike around you. The best thing to do is to abandon your car and head for a safer spot.



False. "Stay in your car!" warn the experts of the A.A.A. Your car is about the safest shelter you can find, providing it is of steel construction. The metal frame intercepts the lightning discharge and the rubber tires provide insulation. But keep the windows closed to prevent the inside from getting wet, and don't touch any metal parts.

If you are bitten by a mad dog, you should rush for the nearest hospital to secure immediate treatment.

False. Unnecessary panic or hysteria makes hundreds of us candidates for an early grave.

"Don't lose your head if bitten by a dog suspected of rabies," warns the Red Cross. "Rabies develop in dogs within 10 days, but require longer in humans, so there is reasonable time to take the Pasteur treatment if the dog has rabies. Exception: the Pasteur treatment should be given immediately for bites about the neck or head."

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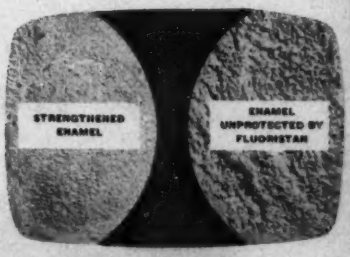

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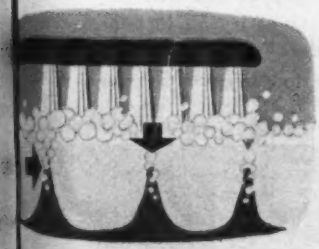

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Don't sell your marriage short—

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By Marjorie Holmes

Marriage was meant to be enjoyed. Yet the carefree side of marriage is often one of the first fond dreams to go by the board. Marriage, it seems, means offspring and a place to rear them, music lessons, braces on teeth, a mortgage to pay, a lawn to rake, and the time and money to manage it. In the ensuing blizzard of responsibilities, men and women can lose sight of each other as enjoyable companions. "All we have in common any more," one woman bewails, "is our worries."

What couples should realize is that the sociable aspects of their life together seldom drop down the chimney like Santa Claus. They usually have to be coaxed, contrived, achieved. And if a man is of one mind about them, his wife another, compromises must be worked out.

One of the most congenial pairs of our acquaintance were the Vales. Together they had built a summer cottage, even dug their own swimming pool where friends flocked. Winters they entertained every other Saturday night, and on alternate ones went out. Yet, Mrs. Vale told me, the first 10 years of their marriage they had had almost literally no friends, no fun.

"Bill liked a good time, but I was a shy little dope claiming our first duty was to our children. Then one day I heard our daughter claiming she wasn't ever going to get married, all parents ever did was work and worry and go to bed! Shortly after that some people were discussing Bill, how tired and defeated he looked. Like a bolt it struck me—we were growing apart, and it was all my fault.

"I looked up baby sitters for the first time and started gradually—a movie every few weeks. Then we joined a little community club, and I forced myself to ask other couples in. Before long *I* was enjoying it, realizing how much I'd missed! And Bill was a new man. Best of all, our marriage began to mean more to both of us."

Then she gave me some advice. "Have friends in. Get away from the problems that are often associated with your own four walls. Get out together, if only to hold hands and take a walk in the moonlight around the block. You'll not only be drawn closer to each other, you'll be better able to deal with the problems when you get back."

Boredom and burdens

It's counsel to be remembered. Saving a marriage from boredom and burdens is far less a matter of money than of *attitude* and *action*. And whether the fault be within yourself, or in your partner, *both* will benefit if you have the courage to bring about a change.

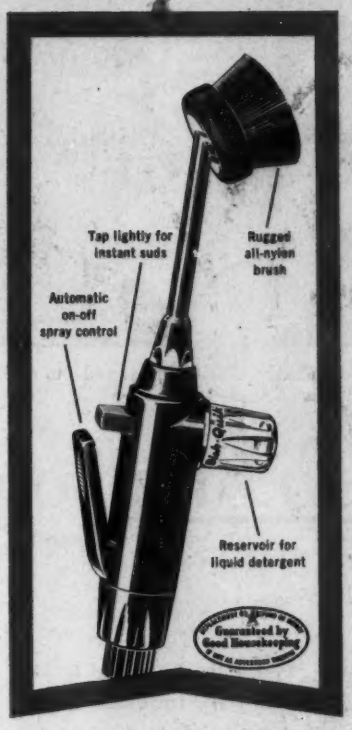
Complications on the fun front are bound to arise when people marry their opposites. But wed them they will. The guy with two left feet woos and wins the jitterbug who'll dance her shoes to ribbons. Then she bawls her heart out because he refuses to take her dancing; while he claims she's selfish to want to since he can't join in. The only fair answer here is compromise. She should steer her interests more to diversions they can share, say sports or bridge. He should give in, take her to such parties as he can, there applauding her prowess with the delight he showed before. There is a tendency, in the possessiveness of marriage to repress the very gaiety that first attracted us. Instead, we should encourage it. The bonds of matrimony were never meant to be shackles.

Even when people seem well matched in the beginning, their social natures may alter as responsibilities set in. Once a woman becomes a mother she often forgets to be a wife. While the husband may become so busy earning the living that he forgets to live.

"He never takes me any place"

Whichever it is, the member who feels the marriage is in a rut should take matters in hand. Say the typical woman whose husband "never takes me any place." Instead of mourning she should march!—to the telephone to line up a baby sitter; to the newspaper to see what's in town that *he'd* like to see or do, too; to the hairdresser, maybe, to make herself more attractive; to the closet to figure out what to wear. Then say, "Come on, honey, I've got it all planned."

While some men are social dynamos, most —Lord love 'em—are lazy on this score. Half their seeming yen for hearth and home is sheer ennui; it's just too much trouble to figure out an evening's arrangements. And don't sniff, "Ha, he never had that trouble before we were married." [*Turn to page 33*



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You can be happier

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He probably did, in ways you knew not of; besides, his motives were more compelling then. Nor should the wife conveniently forget the finagling she herself was sometimes put to, to get herself safely escorted to a certain show or prom.

Now, having gotten him by the nose and into his dinner jacket (or a clean shirt) and routed toward the chosen goal, she should get the chip off her shoulder, the kids off her mind, and pin her pleasure in his presence on her heart like a rose. She should strive to be so good a date that he'll *want* to take her again.

If she's not too obvious about it, if she's consulted him to make sure it's convenient, doesn't put too severe a strain on the budget, and chooses with his tastes in mind as well as her own, he will benefit by the occasional fling.

Learn to relax

Recreation lifts us out of ourselves. Often we don't realize how tense and careworn we are getting until we feel it washing from us as we listen to good music, or lose ourselves in a movie or play.

Near my home lives a remarkable and ageless man, Dr. A. B. Little. He wears neither hat nor overcoat, takes steps three at a bound, and considers fun for married couples quite as important as medicine. In fact, he personally sees that they have it. Each spring his rumpus room is the scene of a vast, mad, free theatrical which he writes and produces, using friends and patients as talent. "The men who think they're too busy and dignified to be in it are usually the ones who get the most kick out of it once they relax and let go."

The same is true of his square-dance club, meeting there once a week all winter. In the beginning we weary housewives and our often tense mates wondered if we could afford the time and energy to belong. Then we discovered that hearing the fiddles tune up is better than a tonic, the caller's voice a shot in the arm. And when my husband and I are almost too exhausted to get there, we become so refreshed by the sheer fun of it all we don't even want to go home!

Broaden your horizons

Friends are perhaps the most important phase of the fun of being married. Some friends you bring with you, more you gather up as you go along. Once you get the hang of married friendships, the problem is in finding time to spend with them all. But if you're inexperienced or have difficulty getting to know other couples, here are some suggestions:

1. *Be friendly and outgoing.* Don't stand on ceremony, or be afraid of making the first move. Recently a new couple joined my husband's firm. Before anyone could entertain for them, they had a party for the entire staff! Now everyone knows what likable, cordial folks they are.

2. *Learn some of the social skills.* Most people dance, play cards, enjoy a sport or two. Be able to participate when asked.

3. *Affiliate with your church, P.T.A., a club pursuing a hobby, or a community activity* such as Scouts. Invite couples you meet and like there for dinner or a snack.

4. *Make your home hospitable and attractive, and use it!* Serve something on that coffee table, or out of that handsome coffee urn. Get some good out of that patio or game room. Half the fun of having a home and possessions is sharing them with friends. And one of the nicest moments in marriage is that when you're calling good-bye from your doorstep to people you know have had a good time.

This last does not mean that a place must be palatial. A basement recreation room can be more fun than a penthouse, depending on the warmth and welcome the host and hostess generate. We recently called on some newlyweds who live in a flat furnished mostly with drying herbs, books, packing boxes and a kiln. But from the minute the bride's head popped out the door calling, "Hi, you're home!" we knew we were—and sat on cushions and ate Bologna sandwiches and had a wonderful time.

Mutual friends

We should avoid dividing friends up like towels labeled "His" and "Hers." Rather, they should be "ours." True, the wife may feel no mad surge of delight when her husband's old army buddy drops in to spin yarns all night. Loving her mate, however, she'll strive to see what he sees in the guy and share his enthusiasm. Certainly she'll refrain from ever casting aspersions. The husband, on his part, will work up such zest as he can for that old school chum of hers, even if the dame does snore like a freight train and run their legs off sightseeing. With tolerance and good humor, such people can be fitted into the pleasant patterns of marriage—can even add an endearing quality to them.

A number of friendships come about through the husband's occupation. Others the wife rounds up. Someone said that most of a man's social life is spent trying to make conversation with the husbands of his wife's girl friends. And she retorted that she spends *hers* dutifully listening to his boss's stories. Actually, most women enjoy their husbands' business associates and consider partying with them more a personal pleasure than an obligation. In general, men get a kick out of each other, anyway. Even so, both husband and wife should go over their guest lists together, making sure each has people he really wants as well as those you owe, those you *ought* to include, and "who'll go best with whom."

When you work together, half the fun of a party is its preparation.

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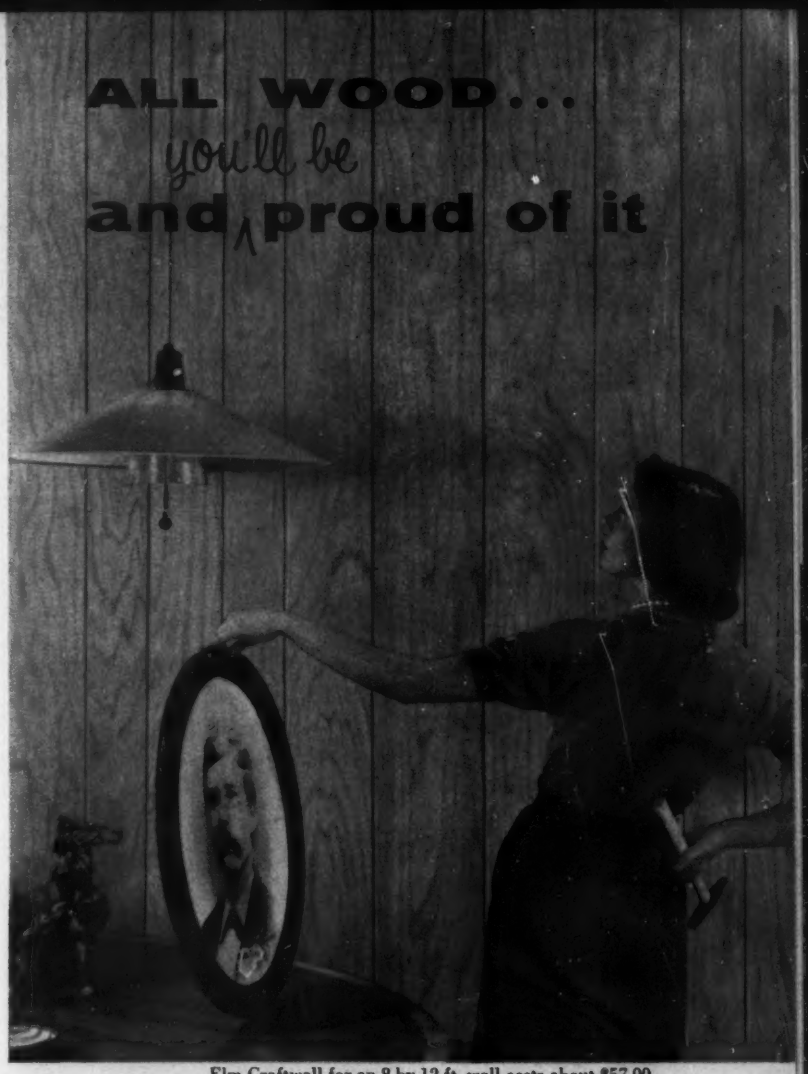

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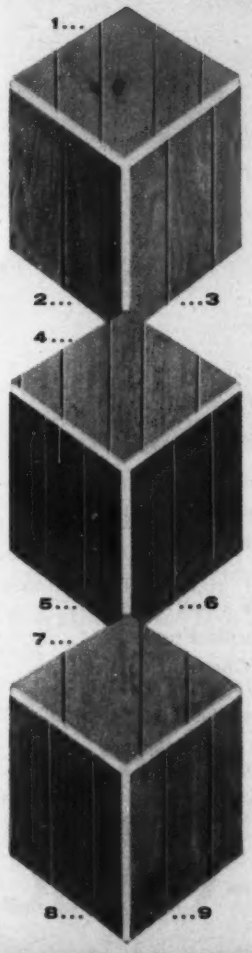

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This includes deciding what to serve, shopping for it, sampling drinks and delicacies as you concoct them the night before. It includes a helping hand with the vacuum cleaner or getting the youngsters read to and safely stowed away. It includes a hundred hectic but happy little items that make you realize you're a team on the fun front, as well as a team hitched to a load of care.

The best time is now

Don't postpone all this until the kitchen's remodeled, the porch painted, the slipcovers new. Life is short at best, the future always uncertain. *The time to make and hold your friends is now!*

The same holds true of other pastimes. "We'll go to things and take trips after the children are grown," is a grave mistake. It's wise to save for the future, but wrong to deny yourselves and the youngsters the pleasures available today. Join the family vacation parade that is chalking up over seventy-six million miles a year. See this country's wonders *with* your sons and daughters; you may not even be around to see them once they're gone. But take that second or third honeymoon without them, too. Everyone needs a recess from things domestic. And fathers and mothers are better parents for getting away.

The husband and wife who've learned how to have a good time together are equipped to draw others into their circle, spread pleasure where it otherwise might not reach. There are so many lonely ones starving for a change, an hour of relaxation, a taste of delight. Pick up that lonely old lady down the street and take her to the movies with you once in a while. Chat with that G. I., invite him and his buddy in for a home-cooked meal. Planning your holiday festivities, pause to ask, "Who'd get a kick out of joining us?" Don't be afraid of hanging up a stocking for a stranger. You'll find your own shared gifts of the spirit richly multiplied. And these things add to the total sum of happiness your marriage can create.

Let's enjoy ourselves. Enjoy each other. Marriage was meant to be fun!

YOU and your ability to learn

SO FAR as your ability to learn and absorb knowledge is concerned, your childhood is not—contrary to popular opinion—the best time for it. Any age, between 20 and 45, is better for learning than the early teens.

Ability to think and reason tends to decrease with most people as they grow older—particularly after middle age. Notable exceptions: people whose occupations make continuous demands on their intelligence. In such cases, thinking ability actually increases with age. The person who has spent his life actively wrestling with mental problems has far more on the ball in the brain department than the man years his junior whose interests have not kept his mind constantly active.

Your mind is like a muscle. It reacts to exercise, or the lack of it, in the same way. If you want your mental capacities to increase as you grow older, you have to pursue interests and activities which keep those mental muscles busy.

By John E. Gibson

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Sponge gives uniform coverage—without splattering—and lets you control amount of stain you want on stock.

Pour stain in wide-mouthed container and use sides of it to press out excess. When you're finished, clean sponge.

F. Grehner, Jr.
Blue Island, Illinois

Marking pencil always missing when you need it most? Then try this trick:

Trim off eraser flush with brass casing and twist in a tiny screw eye.

Pick a spot on your tool board where you want the pencil to hang, and fasten on a small cup hook. Hook accepts screw eye, as pictured.

F. Porter
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Remove insects from grillwork and other parts of your automobile with baking soda borrowed from your wife's kitchen cupboard.

Applied with slightly moistened sponge, soda won't damage highly polished finish.

Let solution set a minute; go back and rinse metal surfaces with water. Then wash car as you normally would.

J. Hughes
Boston, Massachusetts

Kindling for a fireplace or campfire is always a problem to find. Try this to save yourself time and steps:

Package wood chips, shavings, and sawdust from your workshop in heavy paper bags. Tie the tops, and store sacks in a dry place.

Then, when you're ready to start a fire, place logs on sacks and ignite them.

L. Finlay
Portland, Oregon

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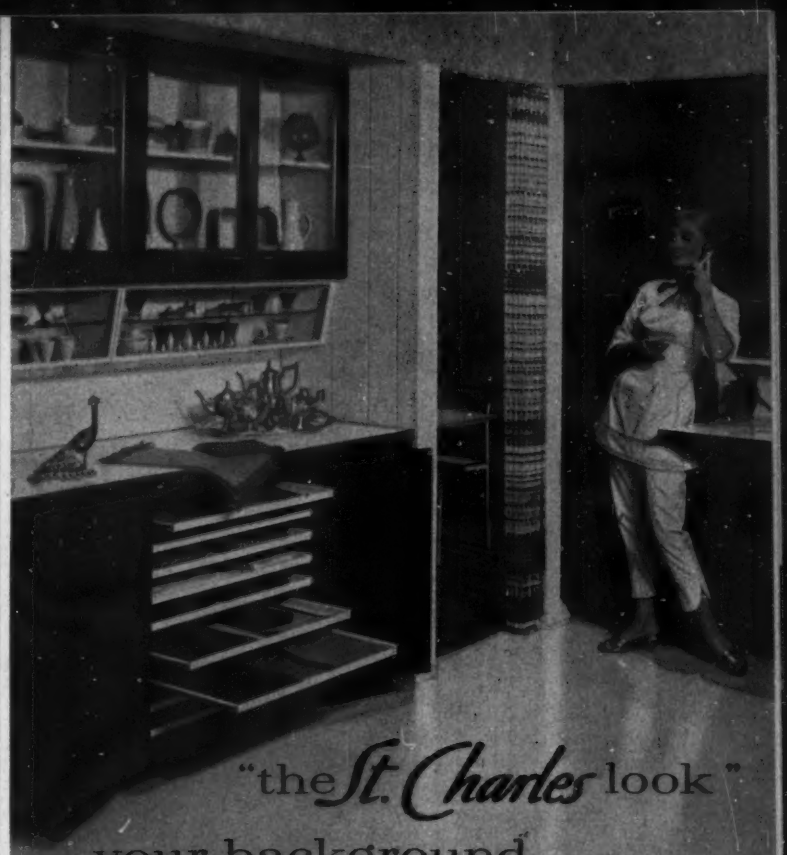

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Tightening spring in window-shade roller is easy this way: While shade is on window, pull it down about three-fourths of distance to sill.

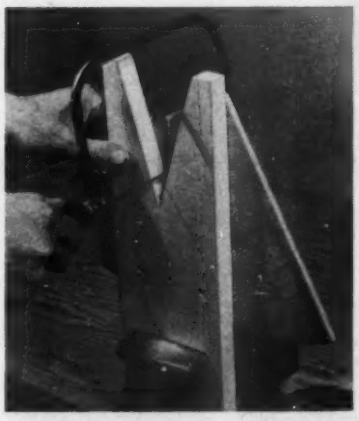
Remove and place shade on flat surface. Rewind around roller and replace in holder on window frame. Shade then has proper tension.

A. Mermin
North Haven, Connecticut

The magnetic attraction of your tack hammer is easy to preserve if you fasten a metal washer to the magnetic end with cellophane tape.

Protected this way, you can store hammer so washer won't jar or work off; head won't clog with metal filings, and attract foreign objects.

H. Kennard
Gonzales, Texas



Coping-saw jig makes fast work of cutting light stock, makes repositioning work in vise unnecessary.

To make the jig, cut V-notch at one end of 1-inch scrap lumber. When ready to make cut, clamp jig in vise and hold stock against back. Jig steadies work as the saw passes through the notch.

F. Carpenter
Westport, Connecticut

Hacksaw won't bind and cut at a wrong angle when working with metal tubing if a second blade is added to saw, upside down.

This blade acts as a guide for cutting blade and rides on metal to hold cutting blade at the correct angle. It also keeps blade from binding in saw kerf as you cut.

L. Shave
Brisbane, Australia

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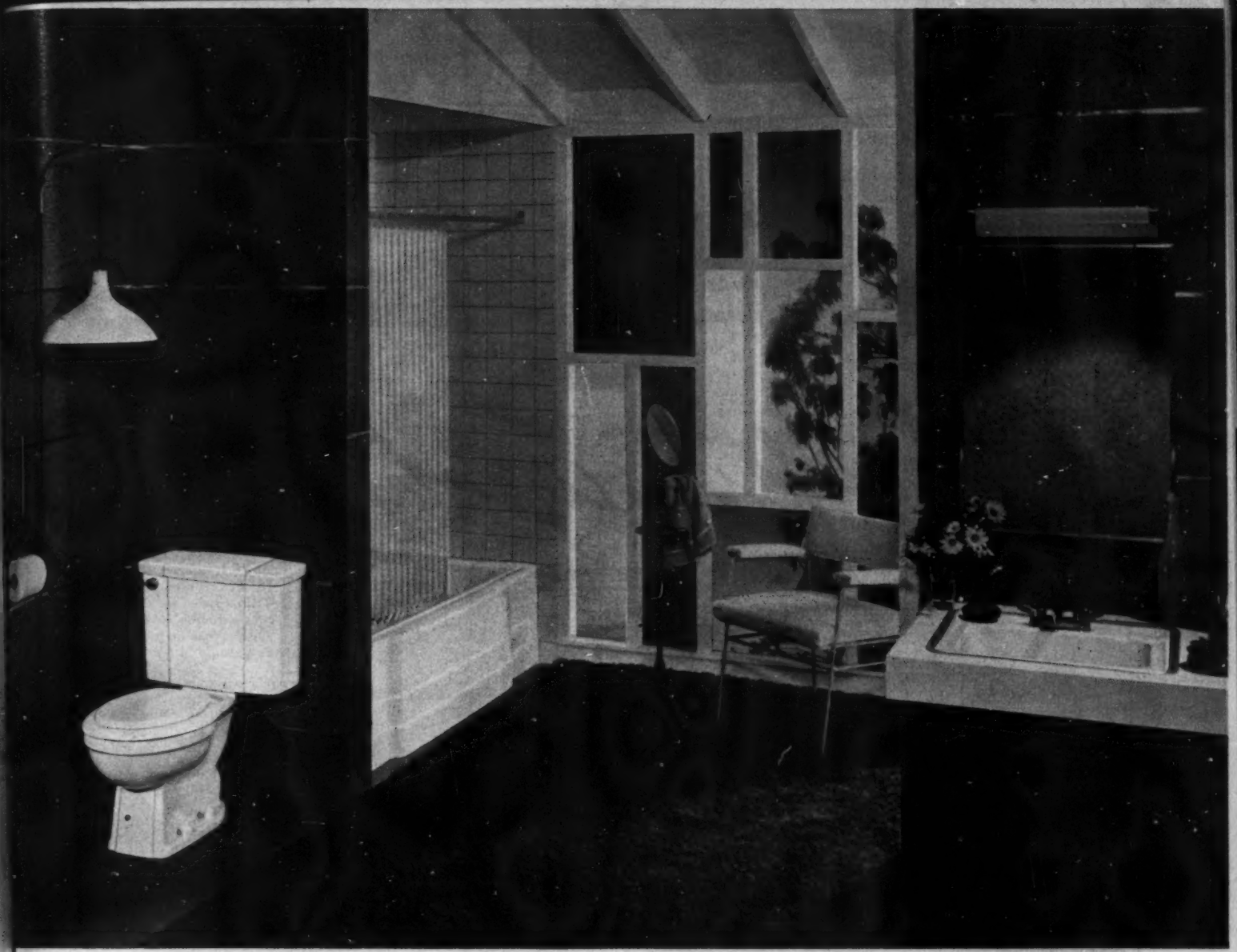

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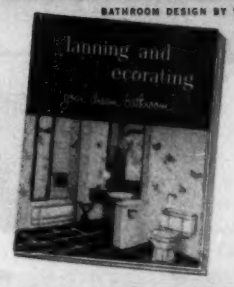

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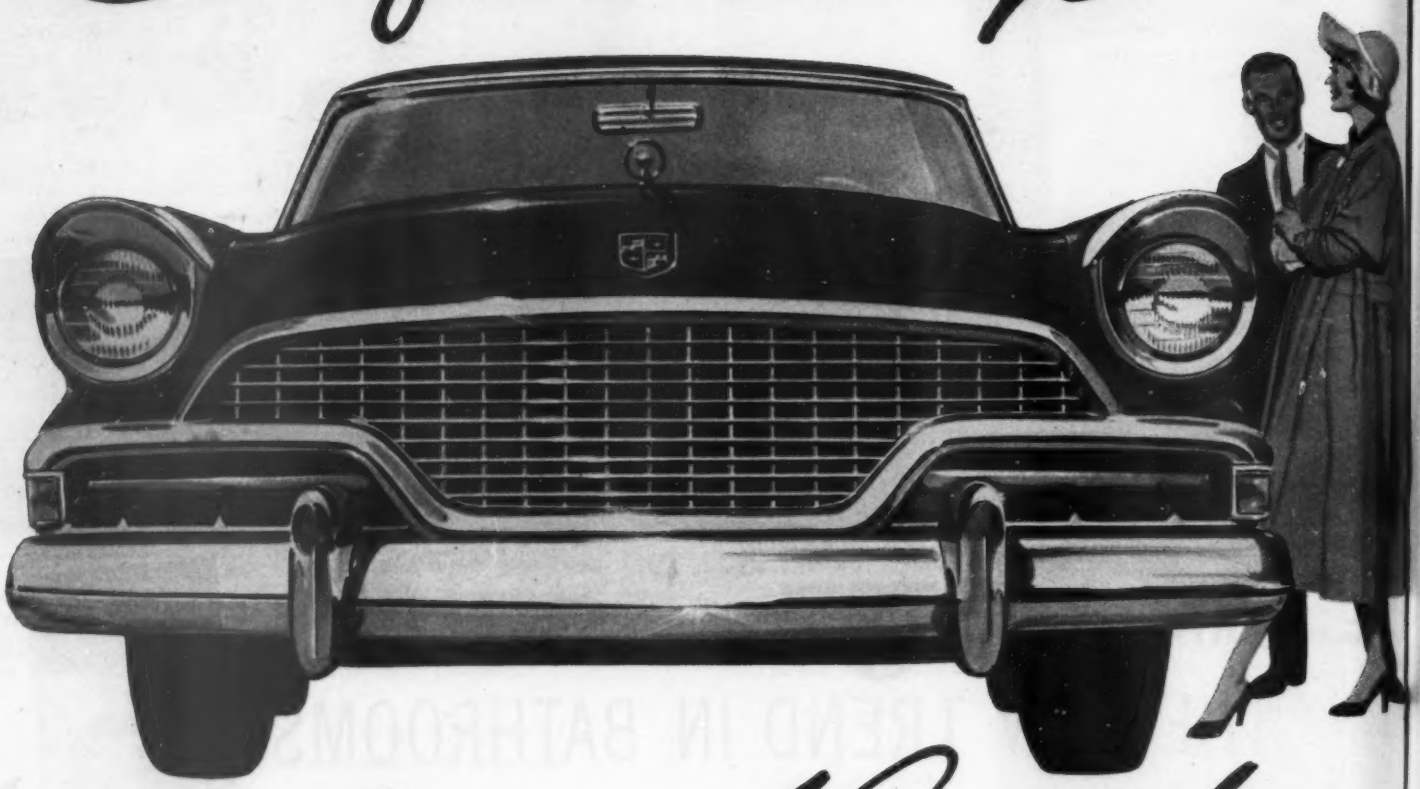

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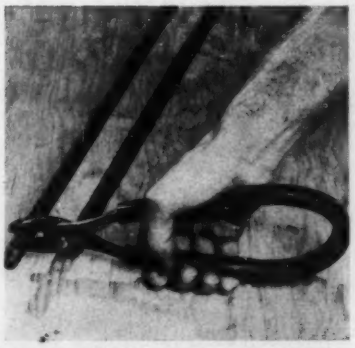


Pliers will spring open by themselves, leaving one hand free to hold your work, if you adapt handles like this:

Cut piece of auto heater hose (or hose of similar size) about 12 inches long. Slip hose over grips, as shown, so pliers will have right tension.

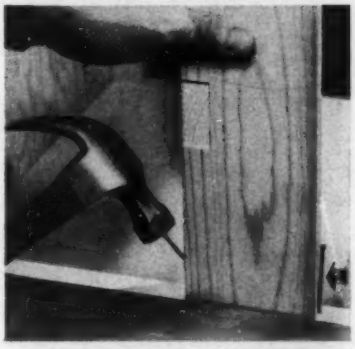
Carlos S. Motta, Jr.
Somerset, Massachusetts

Determine rotation of motor without turning it on by adopting this stunt:

Cut piece of colored cellophane tape or adhesive tape into shape of an arrow. Stick arrow to motor housing in direction the shaft turns.

With this guide, you will never have to guess which way the rotor will turn when the switch is thrown.

Richard Pauga
Evergreen Park, Illinois



Hold uprights steady and in place while you toenail them by using a heavy finishing nail as a "stop block."

Drive the nail that's to act as support at a slight angle.

This way it's easy to pull it out when you are ready to toenail in the other side.

Ronald Yates
Chicago, Illinois

Fill holes with patches that match exactly. Use sawdust from the same wood you're filling, and mix it with glue.

Work mixture in hole like putty—leaving it "high."

When sanded, patch will be same color as wood you're patching; it also will take finish just as easily.

L. Betts
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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HOW-TO

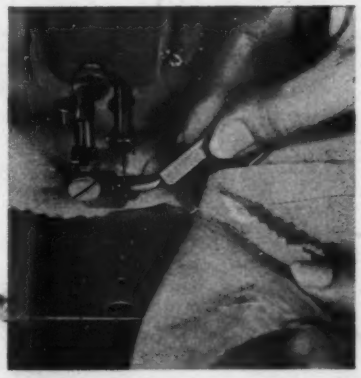
for the homemaker

A third hand for ripping. Let unthreaded sewing machine help to rip mis-sewed seams. Even a good seamstress has 'em!

Place fabric under the needle near seam. Lower needle and pressure foot to keep one side of seam firm. Hold other side with one hand; use "extra" hand to razor-rip threads.

Move work close to the needle occasionally.

Mrs. Harold Stokell
Culver City, California

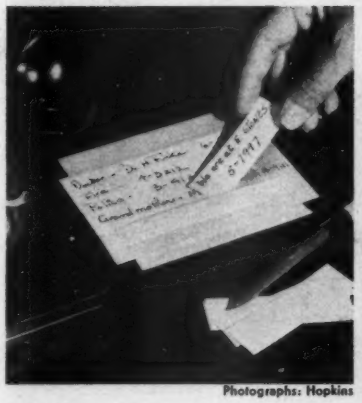


Peace of mind for you and for the baby sitter. You will enjoy that evening out with no worries and the baby sitter will check your home as a "go again when called" one.

Keep emergency phone numbers handy to the telephone. Tape list to the phone table. Remind sitter of it.

Pocket at bottom of card has slips to write name and phone number of spot where you can be reached.

Mrs. Louis Vogel
St. Louis, Missouri



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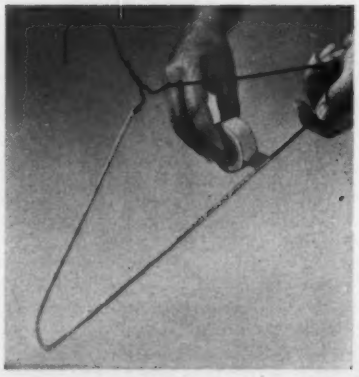
An easy fit for a hard-to-measure spot. This quick trick does away with measuring and checking when you cut new drawer linings.

In one operation, measure and cut. Turn the drawer upside down on table top and then lay several sheets of lining paper over the bottom of the drawer. Now use a razor blade to zip around edge.

Put several sheets in drawer bottom. When one is rumpled, remove it and find a fresh one underneath.

Mrs. Gertrude Bayak
Iselin, New Jersey



Rustproof wrap for hangers. Metal hangers are light and convenient. But when paint wears off, they may rust and ruin clothing.

A quick safe way to be sure they won't cause trouble is to wind masking tape around the metal frame.

Just start at one side of hook and wind to other side. Overlap tape to completely cover hanger.

Cynthia Vesho
Southbridge, Massachusetts

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Table setting styled by John Ellestad

Emily Post tells how to make delicious "Company Coffee"

When they're hungry for a good cup of coffee after a hard-fought rubber of bridge or an exciting game of canasta—serve Nescafé! Emily Post offers some suggestions for proper card table service.

"Particularly when you're serving just one table, the setting may be quite informal," says Mrs. Post. "A gay cloth can be quickly fitted over the card table with harmonizing napkins. Plates specially designed to hold both sandwiches and a cup are attractive and practical, since space is limited.

"Of course it's important to be sure the coffee is kept steaming hot, so a coffee warmer might be used as a centerpiece. The lighted candle inside casts a cheery glow and provides enough heat to assure hot Nescafé for both the first and second cups."

They're bound to *want* second cups, too, when you follow the Nescafé recipe at the right . . .

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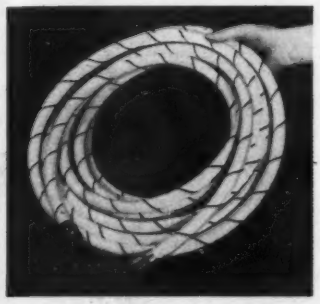

There's color in the garden, and the flowers don't account for it all. Look for a new line of garden hose decorated with stripes, floral patterns, and spirals. Choose from clear or opaque plastic hose in red, green, white, amber, aqua, and black, with white, green, and red spirals or stripes, or white floral pattern.

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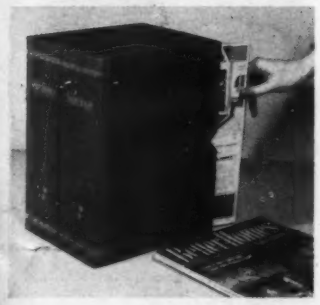
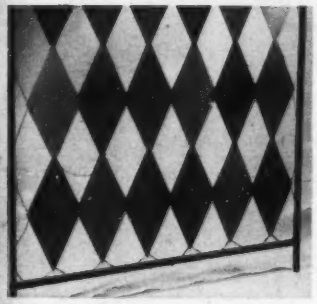


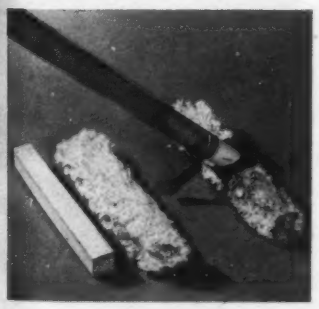
We hope you hoard back copies of *Better Homes & Gardens*, because we now have volume files to help you catalog your issues for future reference. Each holds 12 magazines—a full year of tips and information. Want to look up that recipe for blueberry pie? Check the floor plan of that dream house? Your files will help you find it in a jiffy.

Better Homes & Gardens Volume Files, $2.50 each, 3 for $7; 6 for $13, ppd. from *Better Homes & Gardens*, 1716 Locust St., Des Moines 3, Iowa.



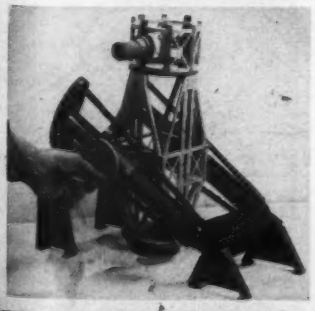
Room divider's a do-it-yourself project—big, bold, dramatic. Diamond-shaped leather tiles are prepunched to go together in minutes, and you can arrange and rearrange them in the handsome, lightweight aluminum frame that's specially available. Tiles come in black, white, flamingo, yellow, turquoise, or brown. You choose any three colors in lots of ten, 30 tiles to the kit.

Bride-to-Be Room Divider, $35.00, in stores. Tandy Leather Co., Box 791, Fort Worth, Tex.



Whiz of a waxer lets you stand up while you work, and serves as a storage receptacle, too. Fill the hollow handle to big pint capacity; then leave it filled between jobs for emergency use. See-through plastic enables you to keep close tabs on the amount, know when it's time to order more.

Wax-Wiz, $1.98, in stores. Pionair Products Co., Inc., 605 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill.



Mount Palomar in miniature—new hobby toy is an exact scale model of California's famed 200-inch telescope! The optical system is the reflecting-mirror type used by the world's largest observatory telescopes. Its image is directed to the focusing twin lens eyepiece by an angular projecting mirror at the top of the cage.

Scale-Model Telescope, $14.95 (also available in kit form, $9.95) in stores. St. Pierre & Patterson Mfg. Co., 125 W. Magnolia, Burbank, Calif.

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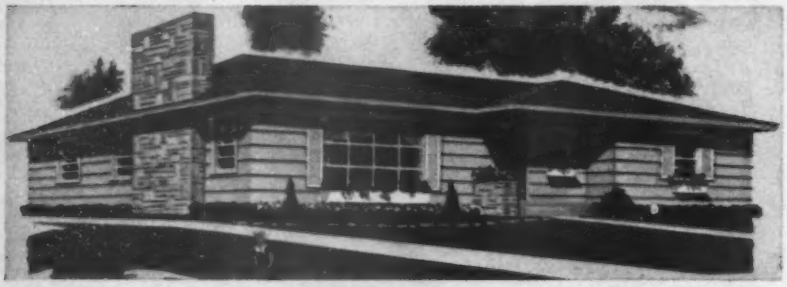

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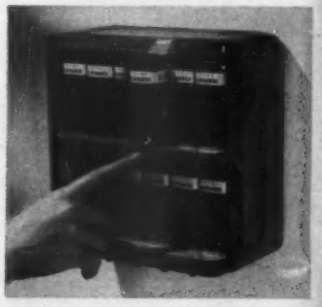
Airform Metal Legs, $6.95 for set of four legs 6 inches long, in stores. Nord Craft Industries, Box 565, Madeira, Ohio.

Planning a casserole for the church supper? New, ovenproof baking dish is specially developed so that aluminum foil, cellophane wrap, or wax paper can be fastened securely to the dish with a snap-on metal ring, to keep contents hot and bubbling.

Foil Cover Casserole, $2.95 (1½ qt.); $3.95 (2½ qt.); $5.95 (4 qt.), in stores. The Harker Pottery Co., East Liverpool, Ohio.



A dash of nutmeg, a smidgin of ginger, a touch of cinnamon. But what a chore to fumble for each separate container in a crowded cupboard! Here's a spice rack that eliminates all that, because each can is push-button controlled. Simply press the wooden knob under desired container, and out pops your selection!

Push-Button Spice Rack, $6.95, in stores. The George S. Thompson Corp., 509 Mission St., So. Pasadena, Calif.

Give a pint-size diner a lift, boost him up to adult height at the dinner table. New padded seat adds a full four inches to any chair. Needless to say, good eating habits are a lot simpler for a youngster when he has a little extra height to his advantage, and how grown up Baby will feel when he's at this nearer-to-eye-level range with you!

Booster Seat, $4.98, in stores. Dennis Mitchell Industries, 4424 Paul St., Philadelphia 24, Pa.

New 3D camera produces lifelike stereo color pictures, yet simplifies picture-taking with only one dial to set. Pre-positioned lenses require no adjustment but yield perfect in-focus range from foreground to infinity. Dial selector is set according to one of five light conditions reducing camera operation to clicking the shutter and winding the film.

Stereo Camera, $79.50 with flash unit and leather case ($66.50 without flash and case), in stores. Graflex, Inc., 154 Clarissa St., Rochester, N.Y.

New kitchen helper cuts a clean core out of grapefruit and vegetables. Place the corer in the center of the fruit or vegetable, press down, and give a few quick turns. Out comes the core with a quick lift.

Coremaster, 79c, in stores. Acme Metal Goods Mfg. Co., 2 Orange St., Newark, N. J.

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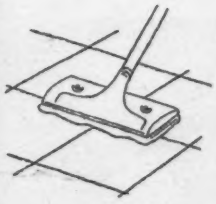
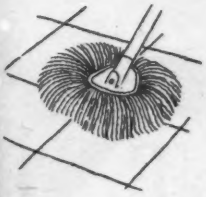
Let Johnson's new quicker waxing way keep your floors (and you) looking beautiful

Quicker to do—easier on you!

1. You don't wear yourself out scrubbing this new quicker waxing way. Beautiflor actually dry-cleans as you wax, removes many marks and stains that soap and water won't budge. Simply pour a small amount of Beautiflor onto your floor and you're on your way!



2. You clean as you wax! Rub Beautiflor into floor with wax applier or clean cloth. Cover only small section—about the size of a card table top. Buff lightly while still moist. *Buffing while moist* is the key to easier, faster buffing in Beautiflor's quicker waxing way—don't let it set too hard. Continue waxing and polishing in small sections.



3. Your daily dust mop keeps floors scuff-free! Johnson's puts its finest hard-finish waxes into Beautiflor. It doesn't pile up in patchy-looking, uneven layers—never peels off. Your floors *stay* beautiful between waxings with the most casual care. And all the while they gleam with the deep, rich luster only a solid wax finish can give.

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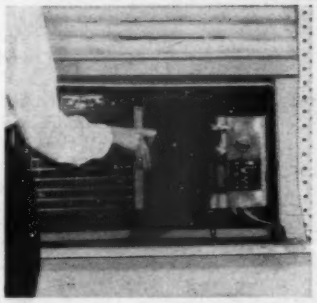
Winter's dragging on, and Sister needs a perk-me-up project to brighten her days. Sewing-kit book includes scissors, skeins of colored thread, buttons, safety pins, felt squares. Eighteen pages of instructions produce such projects as a cross-stitch sampler, doll's handbag, wash mitt, charm bracelet, apron, and lapel pin. There's a fun-to-play sewing game, too.

A Play-Kit Book, "Sewing is Fun," $1, in stores. Grosset & Dunlap, Inc., 1107 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

No 10 easy lessons required to play this piano—it's even easier! A series of colored lights over the keyboard, coded to conform with a specially written music book, shows you what notes to play with the left hand to produce a full chord. A removable plastic indicator, placed above the right-hand keys, identifies the single right-hand note necessary to carry the basic tune.

Janssen Chord Piano, $595 to $895, in stores. Janssen Piano Co., 237 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N.Y.

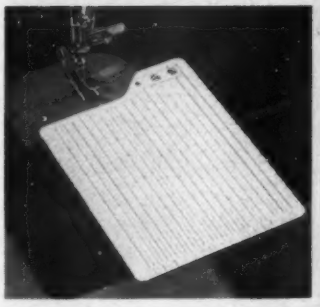


Air conditioner works around the calendar. After its summer duties are through, it serves to purify and heat the air in your home all winter long. Hay-fever sufferers will perk up at the news of an electronic filter that absorbs three times more impurities than ordinary mechanical filters. The heater in the air conditioner's intake provides for warming cold outside air drawn into your home.

RCA-Whirlpool, 75 custom model, $369.50, in stores. Whirlpool-Seeger Corp., North State St., St. Joseph, Mich.

Double-purpose furniture for the nursery is new. This portable, folding, redwood chair converts into a useful desk, playtable, or dining table in jigtime. Seat and back are durable plastic; the redwood frame is finished in nontoxic stain. As a desk, the unit stands 22¼ inches high.

Folding Redwood Chair, $16, express prepaid, from mfr. Austin Home Utilities, Inc., 901 S. Harlem Ave., Oak Park, Ill.



Grooved plastic panel attaches to your sewing machine, serves as a straight-sewing guide. The ridged groove directly under the needle is marked "0," those to the right and left of it are marked in ¼ inch graduations, to permit easy use by both right- and left-handed persons.

Sew Strate, $1, in stores. Sew Strate Co., 18 N. Warren St., Trenton, N. J.

Traveler, take time for a coffee break! Mom can prepare the brew, while Dad keeps his eyes on the road. Coffee bar attaches to your glove compartment or side window with suction cups, and plugs into the cigarette lighter to make the coffee.

Car-Bar, $5.50, in stores. Car-Bar Co., Box 116, Northbrook, Ill.

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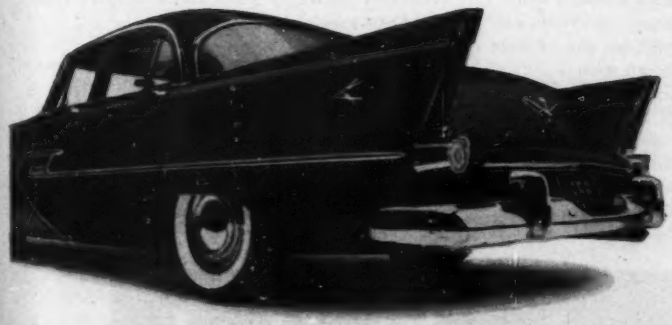

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Firm-grip handles in clear crystal or these five colors add a smart accent to the new Monogram fittings.

This big, roomy Neo-Angle bath has a full five foot bathing area, yet it fits into a space about four feet square. The lines are smart, the wide corner seats ever so convenient. And picture how the handy dental lavatory will relieve traffic in your bathroom! All of these handsome American-Standard bathroom fixtures come in a variety of colors. Wall tile is by C. F. Church Mfg. Co.

Fittings with your initials. What a smart idea! Your very own initials can be ordered in script or block letters. And notice the stunning, modern design of the chrome fittings.

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Solve your bathroom traffic peak this easy way! While Dad shaves at the Symphony lavatory, with wide counters to hold all his equipment, Junior brushes his teeth at the sanitary dental lavatory with flushing rim.

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Hungry for flowers? There's lush color now in

Gardens along the Gulf

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

SPRING never lasts too long. Nor does the inner thrill we get when all the outside world is new again.

Down along the Gulf, spring comes early. Redbuds will put a purple haze in Houston's sky. Small daffodils bright as buttercups and violets and Johnnies are popping out everywhere.

White magnolias are showing. Hyacinths and jasmine perfume the air, and the first Cherokee roses will soon open. Lawns are growing green. It's hard for those who have not stood beside them to believe how beautiful the camellias of the South can be.

Or how a wisteria vine already dripping blue-blue tassels from a tall pine can lift your spirits. Or how gay you feel when scarlet, white, buff, and purple azaleas start opening in all the little gardens up and down the streets. You know that the pink and white dogwood bloom can't be far behind.

de Gennaro

Nowhere but in the Deep South can you see gardens blooming brightly under live oaks of this magnificent size. The gauzy gray-green Spanish-moss does not sap the strength of the trees. It is an air plant using the trees only for anchorage. This is a walk in the world-famous Bellingrath Gardens near Mobile, Alabama

More of the South's early-spring gardens and flowers on next four pages ➡

Gardens along the Gulf

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Photographs: de Gennaro

Pink Perfection—small and prim, has been a favorite variety with several generations of camellia lovers. Cherished bushes grow to the height of small trees. It's shown here with potted azaleas in the shade of tall trees beside steps in the more formal portion of Bellingrath Gardens

A mirror lake doubles for you the already spectacular azalea color and picturesque gumwood trees in an informal part of Bellingrath Gardens. Color pageant starts at prime of wisteria bloom with opening of tall-growing azalea known familiarly throughout the South as Early Pink

Lisanti, Alderman

Camellias broad as teacups bloom in delectable reds, pinks, and white through southern Georgia, the coastal Carolinas, northern Florida, and west along the Gulf. They're as typically Southern as magnolias and jasmine

The Evangeline country is full of legends, trailing Spanish-moss, dark waters, vital people with a language all their own, and in late winter studded with azaleas exploding into color. The most interesting large garden in this area is Shangri-la, maintained also as a bird sanctuary by the Lutcher Starks of Orange, Texas

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Mobile's famed azalea trail runs past many fine homes set in almost unbelievable bloom. But none is handsomer than this ante-bellum home now belonging to the A. S. Mitchells. This is not a path, but a small portion of the great semicircular driveway that is bordered on both sides with man-high bushes of glowing Azalea Pride of Mobile

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Gardens along the Gulf

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Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman

Central Florida's famous Cypress Gardens blaze with color while it's still midwinter in Boston, Chicago, and Denver. Bird-of-Paradise flowers and knobby-kneed cypresses vie for your attention with fluttery pink orchid trees and plate-size hibiscus

Bougainvillea vines come in purple, crimson, orange, white—14 shades in all. Florida has them hanging from treetops and upper balconies. This is variety Margaret Bacon at the Richard D. Pope home, Winter Haven

de Gennaro

French Quarter—the *vieux carre* of New Orleans—has some delightful, private patio gardens tucked behind blank street doors. Mrs. W. H. Austin cherishes her house built in 1829, her garden gay with spring bulbs

Bananas hanging the way they really grow, amaryllis, caladiums, and crotons gay as painted clowns are all at home in mid-Florida and look like this in February. It's no trick. Spring has already come to the Deep South. Gardens are full of color

Special to snow-and-ice-bound Northerners, another preview of spring—a small, snug greenhouse, warm

Hedrich-Blessing

A greenhouse of your own can be a little private paradise at the tail end of winter. Inside, the air is warm, moist, and sweet. Bulbs potted last fall are popping with color.

Lean-to greenhouses like this are in big demand because they can be attached to houses of almost all types and ages.

This one is part of a recent remodeling and joins a family playroom made from a two-car garage. Floor of greenhouse is sunk 18 inches. This lets you look down on the flowers, gives a prettier view. If wanted, bamboo curtain shuts off playroom from the flowers. William Hedrich home, Northbrook, Illinois.

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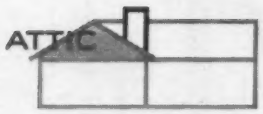


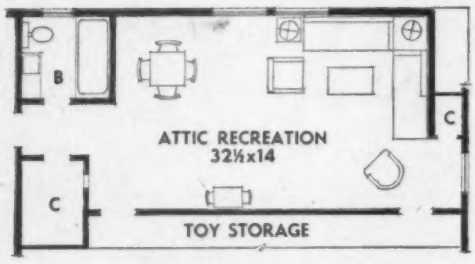
More room from space

Sure as there's a roof overhead, there's space beneath begging for a more useful role in your living. Here are ideas for attics, basements, and garages

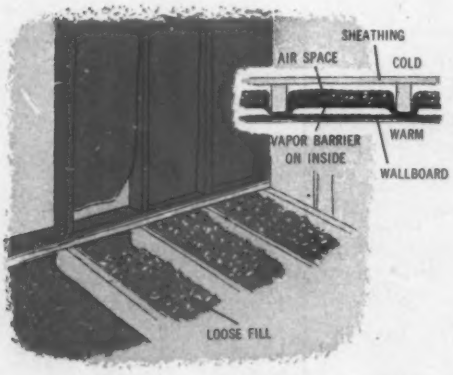
BEFORE. Look familiar? It's a scene from thousands of homes. Collection of trunks, boxes, furniture may vary. But problems and possibilities are the same. Dr. and Mrs. Howard Wallach, Glencoe, Illinois, first added shed dormer along one side for headroom. This usually is a professional job. But rest you could do yourself

Corner closet has slot to serve as movie or slide-projection booth. Ducts for forced hot air run through toy closet (left) to vents. Walls are random width, V-joint fir paneling

Convenient bath was planned so children or guests wouldn't have to walk downstairs. Entire room is kept quiet for people below by use of a cork floor and acoustical ceiling tile

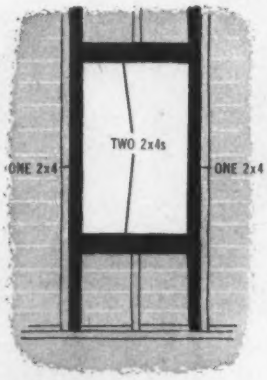


AFTER. Dormer added space for new, double-duty family guest room (see plan, picture right). ➔ Expanse of glass gives sunny, open feeling—some change from dark attic. Corner sofas convert to beds. Closet for guests was added at end of dormer. Opposite wall, where roof still slants, has storage children need. Bath, closet were built at end of room leading to stairs (see above)



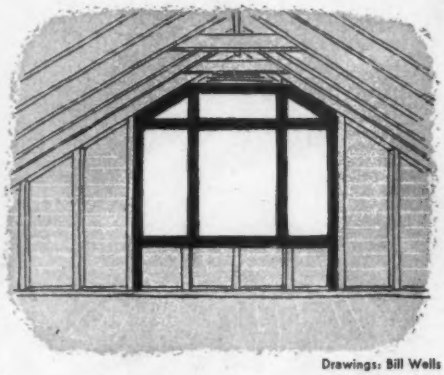
Insulation: an important step

Attic's most exposed part of house, so insulate well. Use ample insulation between studs and in floor framing for sound deadener. Cutaway is through outside wall, showing barrier on warm side



Framing a new window

It cuts expense (and trouble if you're doing it yourself) to frame all new windows a stock size. Nail temporary planks at right spot above and below before sawing



Drawings: Bill Wells

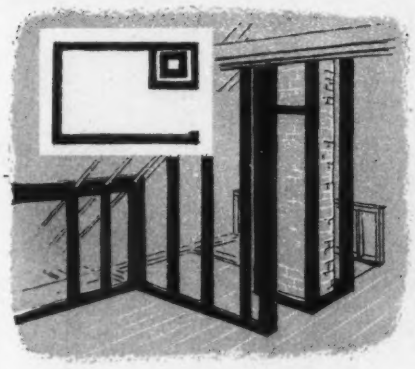
Look to the gable for glass

Cheapest, easiest way to brighten up attic is by glassing-in gable end. Here, there's a large fixed pane bracketed by ventilating sash. Odd-size glass (as at top) will probably have to be cut-to-order

you already have

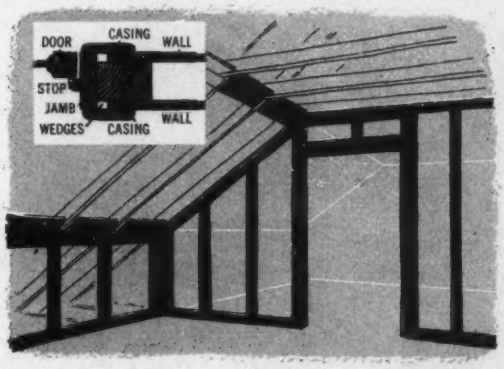
By Dan J. Matthews

Photographs: Kranzlen. Data: Jessie Walker



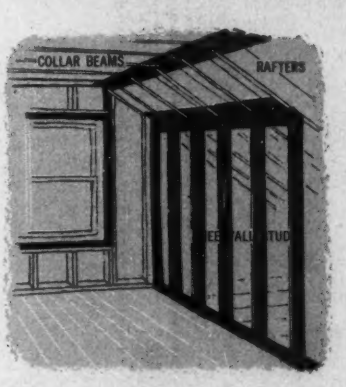
The problem of a chimney

Chimney to box in? Don't let wood touch brick. Fill space (top view) with noncombustible material. Plan so chimney fits in room as closet wall, divider, or part of hall



Framing a door opening

Doubled 2x4s are standard headers used for framing a new door or window. Sloping area (left) under eave can be used to accommodate storage facilities. The cutaway drawing at top shows framing detail for a new door



Framing walls and partitions

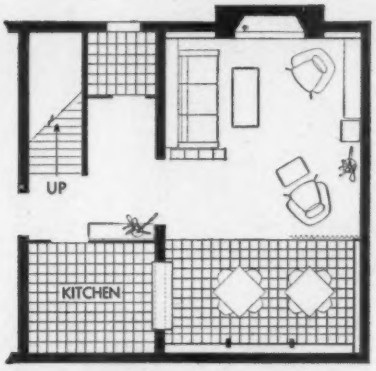
Frame walls, partitions after subflooring, but before finished floor. Studs can be toenailed to floorplate or preassembled by nailing from plate bottom and raising

or surroundings in the Home Improvement Contest

Both basements here began with a fireplace. Nice, but that's like a carburetor without a car. A lot's lacking. See ideas for your basement here?

Photographs: Gorski. Decorator: Forrest-Syverlsen Design Associates

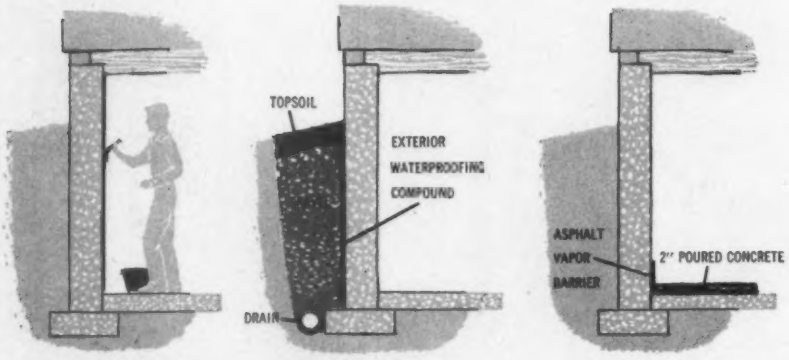
BEFORE: A basement fireplace is a luxury. But this old one didn't "belong" with the type of basement room these folks wanted. Their idea was to match their main-floor space in comfort, convenience, and modern flavor



Owners made complete living quarters of this unused end of basement. Hard-surface flooring is wisely used in areas getting roughest use—kitchen and eating space

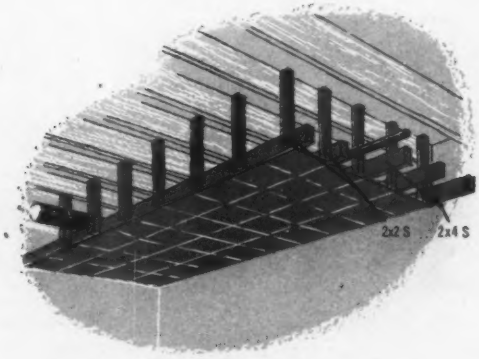
AFTER: Yes, it's the same end of basement. Fireplace wall is covered with wide sections of birch plywood paneling. Fireplace opening is edged with slate. Radiator, covered and raised, allows couch in front of it.

There's no special "theme" here—just the same good taste you'd show upstairs. Real success is when areas no longer remind you of basement, attic, or garage.



Three methods you can use to block ground moisture

1. Minor water seepage can be checked by use of interior waterproofer. Brush two coats waterproofer on all damp walls. 2. For big moisture problem, dig trench, coat wall with waterproof cement or tar and canvas. 3. Patch leaky wall and floor joints. If floor leaks, have a skilled worker add a moisture resistant barrier and pour new floor over all.

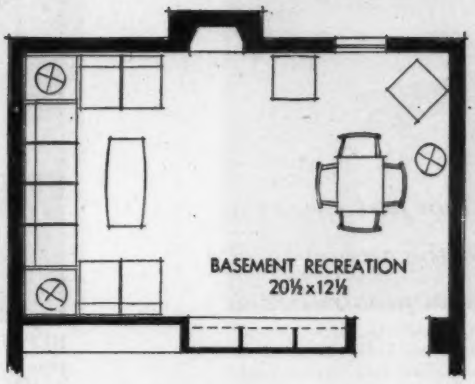


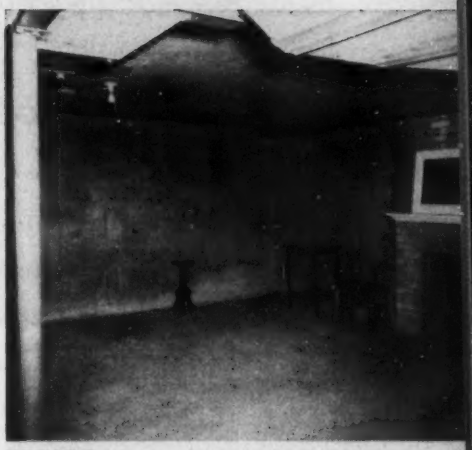
Lowering a ceiling

If you have headroom, unsightly pipes and ducts can be covered by suspending a ceiling. Sketch above shows a method that gives good, solid backing for later application of acoustical ceiling tile

Instructions and entry blank for Better Homes and

These folks found their extra space right underfoot—in their basement. New materials and new techniques made it easy to convert this wasted area into a spot they could really appreciate



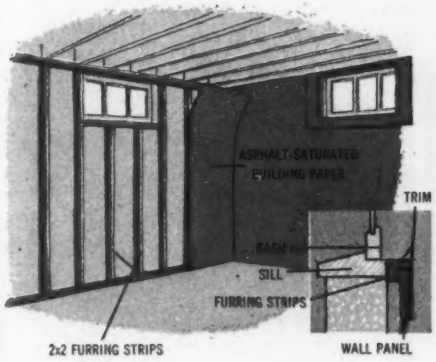


BEFORE: Basement's cleaned up, but otherwise like most completely wasted areas under thousands of houses. Builder included a fireplace for a future family-room remodeling

Photographs: Krantzen

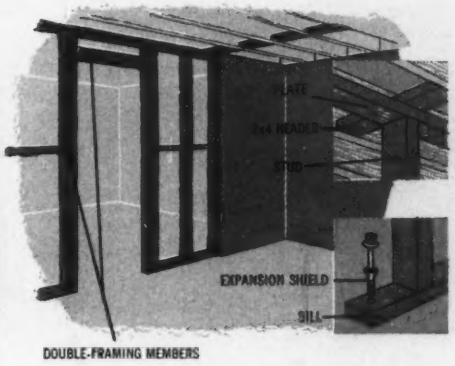
AFTER: At left, you see today's view of area at top. Structural changes are basic, but few. Lowered strip framing and noise-deadening insulation board were nailed to slab ceiling.

The concrete walls were studded and framed. There's no structural support here, so low-grade lumber does fine. Random-width pine paneling was used—shellacked and waxed by owners, Asher Moments of Glencoe, Illinois.



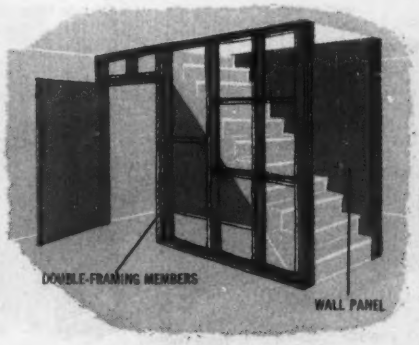
Paneling the walls

First, attach furring strips to outside walls, then staple to strips asphalt-saturated building paper to control moisture. You are then free to apply a variety of different wall materials, and decorate



Building inside partitions

Frame up partitions with 2x4s doubled around all openings. Floor plate is cut out at doorways. Plan for minimum panel cutting. Side sketches show how you can anchor wall to ceiling and floor



Enclosing a stairway

An inexpensive solution to this problem is to build a 2x4 framework and cover with paneling. Fabricate a simple board-and-batten door for new closet space under stairway

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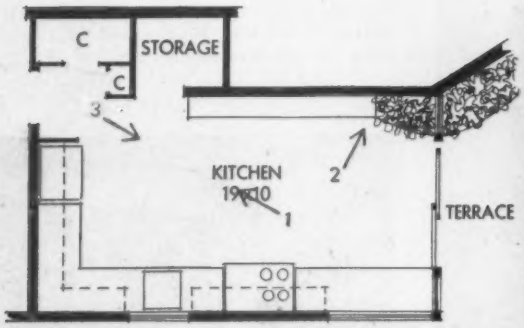
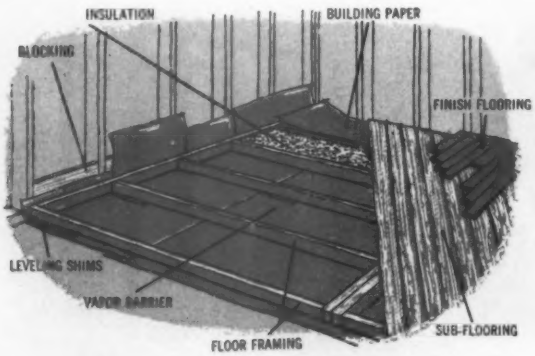
A garage can mean more than just space for the family car. It may hold the answer (and a cheap one!) to your expansion problems, too

BEFORE: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Shaver, Jr., of Portland, Oregon, longed for a larger, more attractive kitchen—one that lent itself to indoor-outdoor eating and entertaining. In future, when budget permits, owners plan to build a new shelter for family car



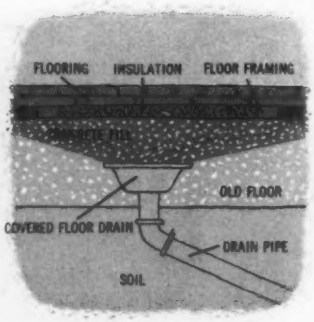
Here's excellent arrangement of working areas, all along one wall. There's plenty of space set aside for storage, too. Note how planter bends around to outside. Arrows are camera angles of other pictures

(Camera Angle 1) This wall needed purpose and punch. ➜ Bright pots and pans give both. Family made holders from scrap. Blocks are mahogany from cabinets, covered with cork from floor. Hooks are coppered eagles. Sleek line of cabinets below have flush doors which project above shelf top for fingertip opening surface, also a guard lip for things on top. Storage and hall to rest of house are to right of refrigerator.



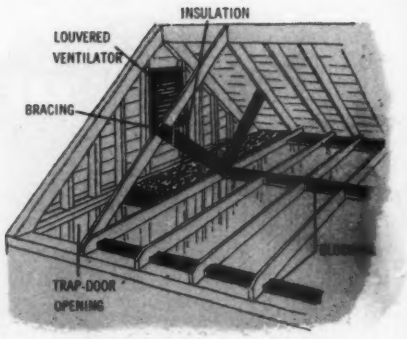
Covering a concrete floor

Lay building paper. Build framework sections, place and shim. Put in insulation. Blocking assures place to nail wall material, molding. Nail subflooring, then finished floor. Use more blocking, plywood below tile



If there's an old floor drain

Take special care in covering a floor drain. Seal well with concrete or sewer odors may drift up and dampness may mean replacing the water seal



Building a garage ceiling

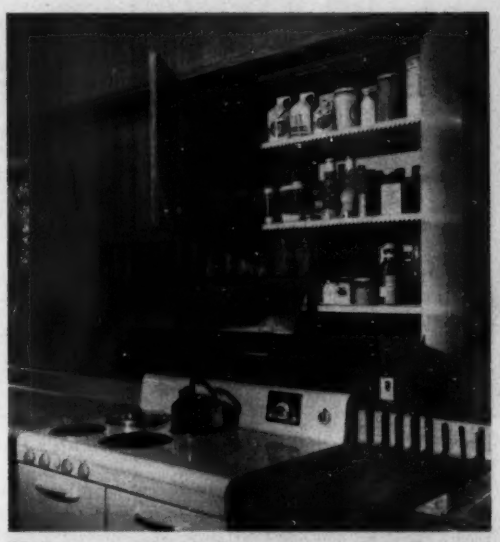
You'll probably have to add joists. Brace as required. Use blocking to fasten ceiling and keep joists rigid. Then lath and plaster, use plaster board, or add strips and ceiling tile

 Starting an improvement project? Take plenty of

AFTER: Driveway became a pleasant patio just by changing its name, adding chairs and plants. Garage doors were replaced by sliding glass units (see below). Window was wrapped around the corner. Almost no framing or structural changes were required

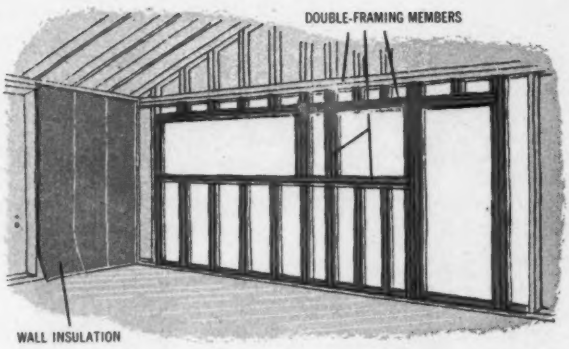
(Camera angle 2) Planter curves gracefully through glass outside, nicely tying indoor and outdoor areas together. Below copper trough that holds plants, there's room for bulk storage of sugar, flour, and other staples. Door opens from top

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing. Designer: Leo L. Hall. Data: Cynthia Eyre



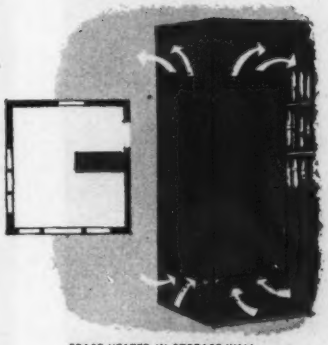
Within easy reach of food preparation is the well-stocked condiment cupboard. Note how doors extend below bottom shelf allowing opening without exposed handle. The laminated chopping block has slots in back for cutlery

← (Camera angle 3) It's a short step from kitchen, through sliding glass door, to serve guests on patio. Above the range, there's copper hood and fan to trap cooking fumes. Also, recess for spices, stored in chemical-ware beakers



Replacing a garage door

It's difficult to weatherproof a garage door so most folks replace it with a wall when remodeling. Anchor floor plate to concrete with expansion bolts. Toenail studs and frame in doors and windows with doubled 2x4s. Calk and insulate



Heating remodeled garage

Will house heat plant take burden of another large room? If so, run ducts out, put in zone thermostat. Other idea: use space heater in ceiling or wall

Next month—

more Home Improvement Contest how-to. We move outdoors and show you ways to use every inch of your lot. Kitchen and bathroom come in for a thorough going over, too. Page-after page of ideas and information

"before" snapshots to show the changes you've made

The Iversens rest beside Fantasyland's Pirate-ship restaurant

Waiting at landing for authentic stern-wheeler, Mark Twain

The land that does away with time

By James M. Liston

Parents entering Disneyland with their children are due for the same surprise they got from other Walt Disney creations. What is planned as a dutiful pilgrimage for the sake of the children turns out to be an eye-opening day of adult entertainment and education. Children who never saw a horse-drawn car or fire wagon are delighted. But adults are literally transported by these vehicles down nostalgic Main Street, U.S.A., and amazed by the scrupulous attention to detail in everything from the glass jars in the apothecary's shop to the oil lamps in the Santa Fe and Disneyland railroad coaches that roll across the prairies of Frontierland.

Alice in Wonderland, Sleeping Beauty, and Captain Hook are there, to be sure, but absorbed in the main theme which is a three-dimensional treasury of Americana of yesterday and tomorrow. There's the sentimental journey of the almost life-size stern-wheeler *Mark Twain;* the coonskinned,

"Mad Hatter's Tea Party" gave Iversens and Dan King a whirl

Turn-of-the-century Main Street leads to Sleeping Beauty's Castle

Oscar snaps Doug, Gail, Kay before they enter Fantasyland

stockaded actuality of frontier life; the serious, scientifically accurate foretaste of space travel and atomic progress—all adding up to what made us what we are today and pointing optimistically to the future.

Better Homes & Gardens editors who expected little more than a super amusement park visited Disneyland at Anaheim, California, and stayed to be amazed. As Disney put it, his 20-year dream is "something of a fair, a city from *The Arabian Nights*, a metropolis of the future, and a show place of magic and living facts; but above all a place for people to find happiness and knowledge."

To prove Disneyland's appeal for families, we asked typical *Better Homes & Gardens* readers, Oscar and Gail Iversen of Los Angeles to spend a day there with their two children, Kay 18 and Douglas 6, while photographer Bill Wilson recorded their reactions.

Little Doug's favorite: simulated trip to the moon by rocket

Iversens rode in "wild animal car" behind Casey, Jr., circus train

Big window on front of house opens up the river view. Bob did the paneling and opened the boarded-up fireplace. Marilyn, a decorator, took over from there

They rescued the home they wanted

By Ben E. Graves

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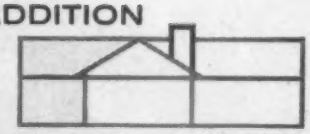
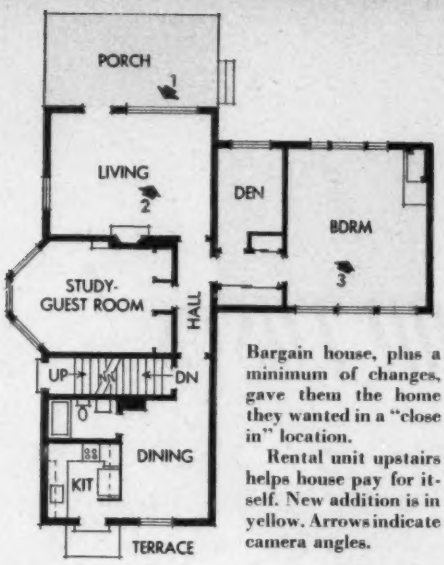


Improvement Contest entrants: Such projects fit two divisions—"Additions" and "Interiors"

This house alone would never have attracted Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dietz, Cincinnati, but the river view above a busy parkway was breath-takingly beautiful. These young owners—full of pep, enthusiasm, and plenty of "how-to" knowledge—knew they could work a transformation.

This 40-foot-wide house on a 50-foot lot has the living room on the "front" or river-view side, so the street entrance is on the rear. The charming "match box" kitchen is the first thing to be seen from the entrance door. Take a quick look at the exterior, then step inside to see all the wonderful ideas you can use.



Bargain house, plus a minimum of changes, gave them the home they wanted in a "close in" location.

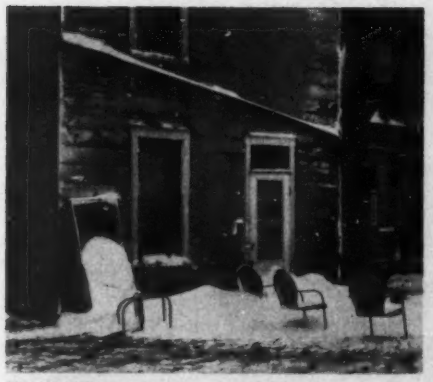
Rental unit upstairs helps house pay for itself. New addition is in yellow. Arrows indicate camera angles.

3 Master bedroom is in the new wing. Bob, an engineer, built corner fireplace which has bricks painted sea green. Room is on river side of house, so also enjoys the wonderful view—an important consideration because addition doubles as sitting room

2 Gay print covers large window. Old chest and TV set were painted Chinese red then scratched over with steel wool. Black paint was rubbed in opposite direction from the way the scratches ran, then rubbed off with a cloth

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing. Data: Polly Cramer

AFTER Garden doorway to the house is at the back, but is really the main entrance. What was a dejected-looking back yard is now a comfortable and attractive garden, protected from the street by a high redwood fence. It's completely private, even though the neighbors are close by, and the street traffic is just beyond the fence



BEFORE This is the way the house looked when they decided to buy. Their friends, doubtful about it, said: "It's a wonderful location, but . . ."

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You get so much from roses!

IT'S EASY TO SEE why roses continue unchallenged as tops among garden flowers. You can start with bare soil, plant a rosebush, and by June have perfect roses to brag about. With roses, a beginner can compete with long-experienced gardeners. You may even have the finest blooms in your block this very June if you start with good dormant or potted bushes and give them full sun, lots of water. We show the three main groups. Each does something special for you.

Climbers give big spreads of color

Blaze, the form of Paul's Scarlet Climber that gives repeat shows, is a good example of what pillar types and large-flowered, stiff-stemmed climbing roses can do. Stems can be trained low, like this, or allowed to grow upright.

Plant Pink Cloud and Dr. J. H. Nicolas—light pinks; Gladiator and Parade—brilliant red-pinks; Coral Dawn.

Floribundas for spot color ⟶

Floribundas are the newest and most widely useful group. You get well-shaped flowers in clusters on bushy plants perfect for beds, spot color in borders, hedges, and boxes.

This variety is Golden Fleece, finest yellow to date. Some others are the new red-and-yellow Circus, Spartan—red-coral, scarlet Siren. Vogue and Fashion—coral pinks. From each you get color all summer.

Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman

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Hybrid-teas for perfect forms

Hybrid tea roses with their long stems and perfect shapes usually come on less bushy and more angular plants than the floribundas do. They look best in formal beds or when framed, as here.

Shown is the variety Mojave. To name but a few out of dozens, Chrysler Imperial and New Yorker are superb reds; White Swan is one of the great whites; Peace and Diamond Jubilee are unbeatable in blended tints of cream and gold.

Don't overlook Betty Prior, one of the older group of floribundas, with great heads of single flowers and fine habit. *For how to plant all types, see page 194*

Low-cost decorating ideas

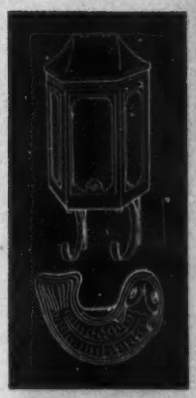
Begin with an idea, add a generous dash of imagination, and you're well on your way to creating original and eye-catching additions for your decorating. Here are ideas to copy, to start you thinking up your own designs

By Murial Hanna Redner

$15 makes this table that uses a collapsible tray-stand as base. Top is 24"x30" piece of ¾-inch plywood. Antique-white, fabric-backed plastic upholstery material covers one side, with same material in red and black making the checkerboard. Other side is covered in black. Top is edged with beaded molding painted black

$2.50 is the surprising low cost of this "custom made" print, excluding the frame. Birds and rifle were cut from yard of chintz backed by thermo-mounting tissue from a photographic supply store. Units were ironed onto the matting board

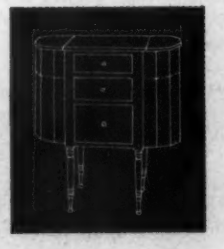
$7 from your decorating budget will add a folding screen to your home. Glass-fiber material, the kind used in displays, is tacked to frame of old screen. The design was painted on panels before they were tacked



$8 was the cost of mailbox, the aluminum fish mold, and faucet used to make this lavabo.

Faucet was inserted in keyhole location on box after lock was drilled larger to make space for self-tapping screw, inserted from back, through hole, into faucet. Holes were drilled through fish mold and it was attached to magazine holder. Paint did the rest of job.

Photographs: Peter Dent

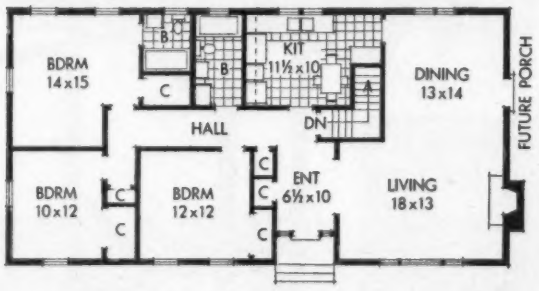


$6 for paint, varnish, and new hardware dresses-up an old sewing cabinet. Side compartments were cut down to top of the second drawer. $3 for cutting board, keys, lock, and hooks make "antique" plaque

A house planned to save you money

WHAT DO YOU WANT IN A HOUSE? Many different people want many different things. But one thing they all want: to cut cost. This month's Five Star home shows how to achieve just that. The owners developed the basic, three-bedroom floor plan. Then Architect Henry Gaines transformed the wishes of this young family into the attractive package pictured here. And he did it with respect to their budget

By John Normile, A.I.A.



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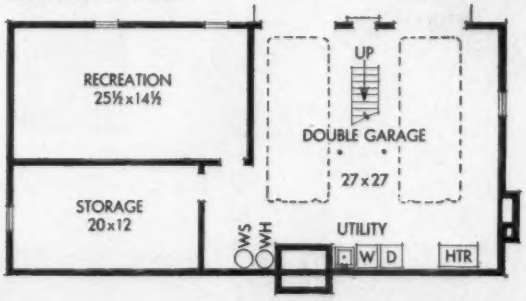

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Better Homes & Gardens Five Star Home No. 2602 is one of a series of one- to four-bedroom homes published each month which make up our Five Star Home Plan Service. This service includes the following features:

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Your first look at Five Star Home No. 2602 tells you it is a simple house—yet handsome and complete, inside and outside. Over-all dimensions of 55x28 would fit nicely on most city-size lots. And the 1,540 square feet it encloses keeps cost in a moderate bracket.

Next, see how the sleeping area is divided from living and dining by entrance hall and utility core. This is often missed in a simple rectangle. One opens privately to parents' bedroom. The other opens into hall, serving both children's rooms.

Plumbing is economically grouped for kitchen and bathrooms. Note convenient stairs to basement, which opens at grade in back for garage, deliveries.

Instead of a hodgepodge of different materials, architect developed an interesting pattern with siding. To left of entry it's horizontal, then changes to vertical with battens at right.

White trim accents serene gray, brightens entry (recessed to break frontal lines), and gives sparkle to accessory features like shutters, chimney, fascia. Single-ridge roof allows economical framing.

Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman

Furniture grouping and change in carpeting clearly sets off the living-dining areas—yet a space-boosting openness is kept for both. Windows in dining area look out to back of wooded lot. Lot breaks sharply at rear. This allows, with little excavation, space for double garage and daylighted recreation room. Door from dining area will lead to porch (see floor plan).

Entrance hall effectively channels incoming traffic to any part of house (even basement stairs) without going through other rooms. Interior repeats simple color scheme of the exterior. Walls painted a neutral shade set off bright furnishings to advantage.

Complete on one floor, house would adapt easily to level lot with attached garage. Owners are the Earl Compton Moores of Asheville, North Carolina.

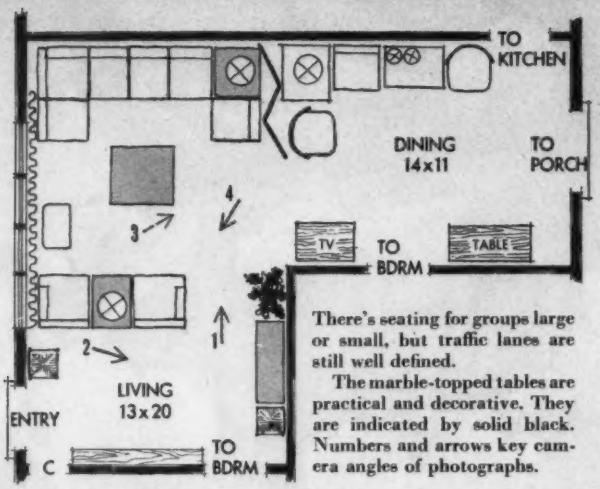
1 Ample seating is provided by a large sectional piece that appears to have been tailored for this area of the room. Draperies match wall for spacious look

2 Table and accessory arrangement is directly across from front door and makes a good first impression on visitors entering the home. This arrangement helps further illusion of hall with the dramatic shelf arrangement (see opposite page)

Small rooms can live big

By Florence Byerly

IF THIS L-SHAPED living-dining room looks familiar, it's because you've seen the same floor plan many times. If yours is a newer home, perhaps you have an identical room layout with the same decorating problems. But, large home or small, old home or new, you'll want to try some of these clever and distinctive decorating and arrangement ideas from the James Rentschler home, in Hamilton, Ohio.



There's seating for groups large or small, but traffic lanes are still well defined.

The marble-topped tables are practical and decorative. They are indicated by solid black. Numbers and arrows key camera angles of photographs.

These make this small room live big

- It's treated like a large room.
- The owners used a light, blend-together background to make room seem larger.
- The furniture is arranged to give clean-cut definition to traffic lanes.
- A simple, woven, folding screen divides the living and dining areas.
- The dining area is also put to use as a family and television room.

3 Folding screen makes a wall for living-area furniture grouping and divides what is now a combination TV/dining room. The same floor treatment is used in both areas—helps tie them together.

Television set is on wall across from informal seating arrangement.

What's your decorating problem? Take it to one of the Home Planning Centers operated in cooperation with Better Homes & Gardens. You'll find the Center nearest you in the list on page 135

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4 Entryway is formed by two sectional pieces divided by a lamp table. The floor-to-ceiling shelf unit is painted black—most effective against the off-white walls. This unit further adds to the illusion of an entrance hall. The louvered half-doors to left of shelves lead to bedrooms and bath

Photograph: Unsek, Photography, Inc.

Thrifty pork dinners

Your piggy bank will smile delight when you serve pork these delicious ways. You'll find the meat counter with pork aplenty—tender pork steaks, hocks, spareribs, and lean shoulder roasts. Look for bargains in smoked cuts, too, like shoulder butt and picnic.

Remember, fresh pork can't be rushed in the cooking, so allow plenty of time. It should be well done—that means no pink when cut. Slow cooking—in the oven or braising, top of range—develops the good, rich flavor that makes pork such a favorite, gives it a delectable golden brown.

Keep out of a meal-planning rut—try a pork cut that's new to you. Include traditional go-withs like apples, squash, and sweet potatoes, with zippy mustard and pickles for contrast.

Why not serve pork often the next few months? It's good for you—a protein food with a big healthy bonus of thiamin, one of the B-vitamin clan. What's more, pork will perk up that budget.

	MAIN DISH	VEGETABLE	SALAD OR ACCOMPANIMENT	DESSERT
Grandmother's Sunday Special	Stuffed Pork Shoulder* *(on wood tray)*	Roast Potatoes* Buttered Green Beans	Cranberry-jelly Slices New-cabbage Salad* Hot Dinner Rolls	Apple Torte* Hot Coffee
	Here's a moneysaving roast if ever we've seen one. Rub the meat generously with savory or marjoram for wonderful flavor. The Apple Torte goes into oven with roast the last hour of baking. Serve this homespun dessert with wedge of cheese or whipped cream—your choice.			
Midwinter Luncheon	Sweet-sour Pork* *(center)*	Crisp Chow-mein Noodles Buttered Broccoli	Lettuce Wedges Thousand Island Dressing Bread Sticks	Frozen Brittle Crunch* Hot Tea
	The "something different" main dish you've been looking for—strips of pork shoulder and pineapple chunks. Here they're served over fried noodles. Next time, try fluffy rice. Fix dessert the day ahead. The "crunch" can be peanut brittle—or how about peppermint-stick candy?			
Old-time Family Supper	Hocks 'n Kraut With Apples* *(left)*	Fried Yellow Hominy	Chilled Relishes Hot French Bread	Date-Nut Dessert* Hot Coffee
	Pork hocks are a treasure of good eating fixed this old-fashioned way. Meat cooks in pressure pan—then into the oven it goes to absorb sturdy flavor of sauerkraut mellowed with apple slices. Enhance hot French bread with a tablespoon of caraway seed blended with a stick of butter.			
Country Dinner	Baked Fresh-ham Slices With Corn Stuffing* *(on square platter)*	Stewed Small Onions	Calico Salad* Dill-pickle Fans Caraway Rye Slices	Caramel Baked Apples* Mugs of Cold Milk
	Those "in the know" appreciate what a sprinkling of sage does for fresh ham. Give each slice a liberal shake. The Caramel Apples—crusty with sugar—share the oven with the corn-stuffed ham slices. If you like apples spicy, poke a cinnamon stick in each before baking.			
It's February 22nd	Glazed Smoked-shoulder Butt* Spiced Crabapples *(top)*	Stuffed Baked Potatoes* Candied Carrots*	Tossed Spring Salad Bran Muffins*	Washington Cottage Pudding* Cherry Sauce† Hot Coffee
	With its brown-sugar glaze, smoked-shoulder butt takes on the elegant flavor of baked ham. You precook for tenderness, then spread on brown-sugar mixture to glaze last 15 minutes while muffins bake. For topping on muffins, sprinkle with whole bran before their trip to oven.			

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Come to our red-and-white

February buffet

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Just help yourself! The big white bowl to your right offers chilled shrimp atop a bed of chipped ice, and Cocktail Sauce and picks for dunking.

Keeping hot in the copper chafing dish is Party Chicken—all white meat with a delightfully herbed stuffing. No better eating than this! Spoon Mushroom Sauce (in the white gravy boat) over your serving. To accompany the chicken: Spiced Fruit Compote and buttered peas with tiny pearl onions for a French touch. At left is Buffet Salad Bowl.

Carry your plate to one of the card tables your hostess has set up for cozy [*Turn to page 93*

By Myrna Johnston

Double-decker Salad. Shrimp's in the jellied-tomato deck, cottage cheese flecks the lime tower. Pass chili sauce, sour cream

Gelatin Salads

—luscious and pretty

MEET THESE HOSTESS-HELPERS! Here's sparkle and drama for your midwinter table, spirited flavor, too. And the fixing's done day ahead. Be sure to try these special salads

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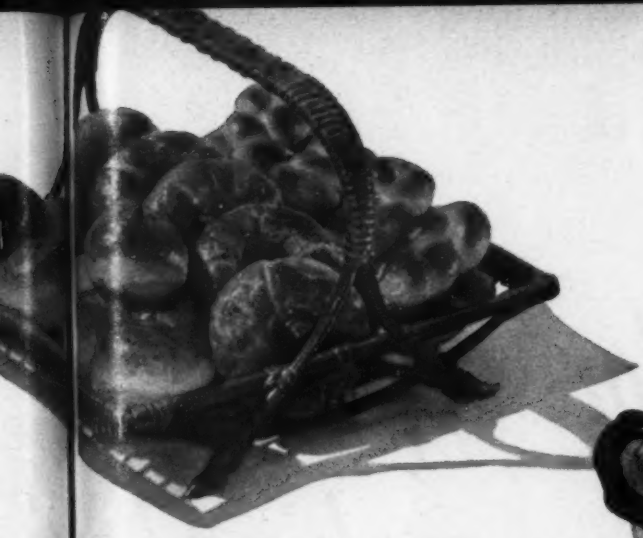
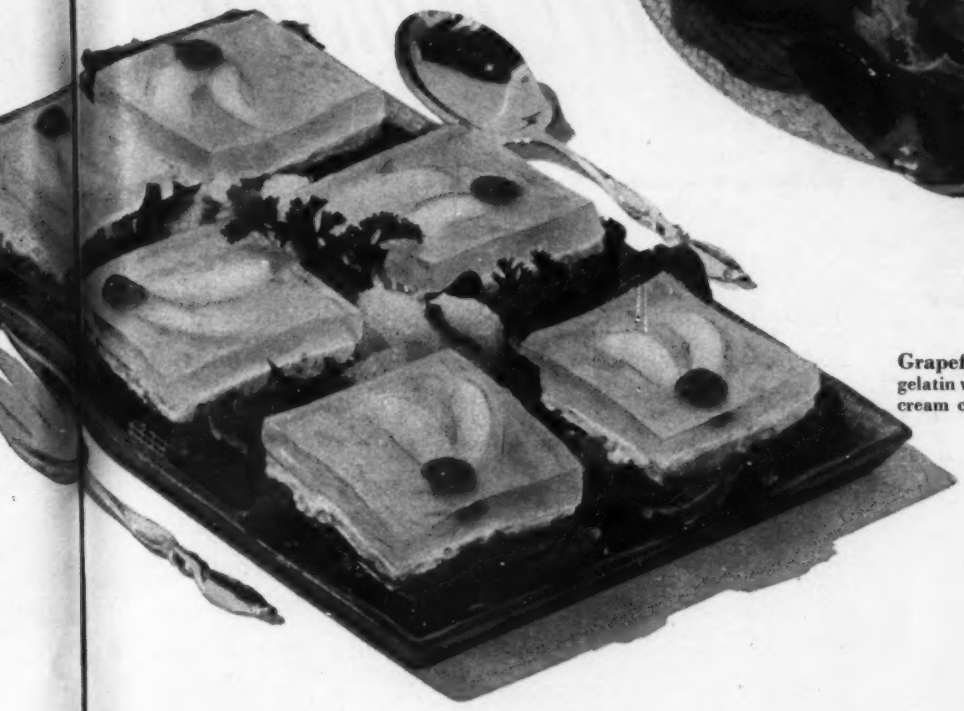
Perfection Salad. So refreshing with a hearty meal. Crisp cabbage and gay bits of pimiento shine in well-seasoned gelatin

Polka-dot Cups. The snowy dots are cream cheese, the ruby-red ones, Bing cherries. Turn molds out on juicy pineapple. Offer mayonnaise



Golden Apricot Molds are atop circles of jellied cranberry sauce. Apricots peek through deliciously spiced orange-flavored gelatin. Spoon Sour-cream Dressing over



Grapefruit-Cheese Squares are lemon gelatin with grapefruit sections and layer of cream cheese and walnuts. Mm-m good!

Tomato-aspic Ring makes a gala frame and tart flavor partner for Curried Chicken Salad. Perfect hub for your next luncheon

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Surprise for supper—the kids are cooking!

By Betty Wood and Elizabeth Gilrain

TODAY'S YOUNG COOK has the magic of mixes at her beck and call, canned and frozen foods galore to round out her start-from-scratch specialties. And with her own cook book to "take her by the hand," family dinner or party refreshments for her pals become a happy adventure.

If you'd like to enjoy the same surprise the Danny Thomas TV children have cooked up for him, hand over our picture recipes to the junior members of your family. Every daughter—tot or teen—would like some of those mealtime compliments tossed her way. So, Mother, why not share the apron strings?

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Here's the dinner Terry and Rusty cooked

Chipper Tuna Casserole

Sunny Carrots

Peter Rabbit Salad *Radishes*

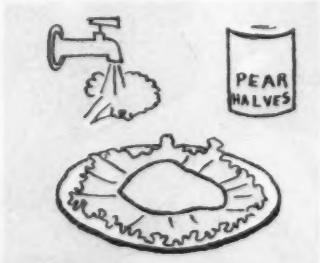
Strawberry Pudding with Whipped Cream

Cocoa *Instant Coffee*

To make Peter Rabbit Salad you'll need:

Lettuce leaves | Cloves | Canned pear halves | Maraschino cherries | Marshmallows Pineapple rings

Take out: Salad plates, scissors, can opener



Wash lettuce leaves; dry. Place on plates. Top with a pineapple ring, then with pear half, rounded side up

Snip marshmallows for ears and tail. (Toothpick ears to hold them up.) Nose is a cherry bit; eyes are cloves

For the hostess and host of tomorrow!

The lucky youngsters who own the brand new *Better Homes & Gardens Junior Cook Book* are having great fun learning how to cook "just like Mother."

The easy-to-follow recipes, all illustrated, many in color, make this book a joy for every girl and boy to use. And there are lots of ideas for family breakfast, lunch and supper, parties and picnics, too.

Photographs: Emerson

Danny Thomas' TV youngsters cook family dinner

"This meal's a sensation!" booms Danny Thomas, star of "Make Room for Daddy" on ABC-TV. Taking a bow for her cooking is Terry (Sherry Jackson in real life). She, like other daughters, coast to coast, is a cooking enthusiast at home, too.

Rusty (full name, Russell Hamer) is raring to pitch into the Chipper Tuna Casserole—mighty mouthwatering! He's already sampled dessert. Glance across the page and you'll catch him kibitzing.

Peter Rabbit Salads are Rusty's contribution to dinner. He "built" them in assembly-line style, following the picture recipe at your left. Success from cherry nose to marshmallow tail! (All recipes given here are adapted from the new *Better Homes & Gardens Junior Cook Book.*)

For that delightful valentine send a small pink begonia in a gay green basket, or a dwarf sansevieria in a red one

Nestle a pink African violet in a moss-green basket. It's charming for the breakfast table as well as a valentine

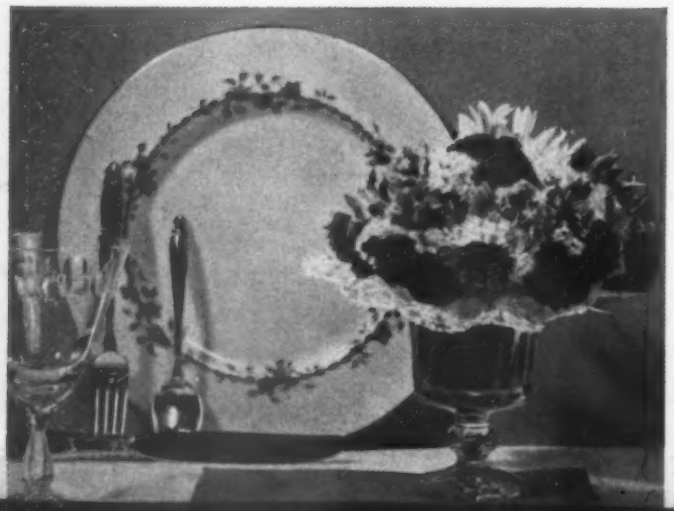
A valentine of a dozen heart-red carnations will carry year-round memories if you give them in this inexpensive milk-glass epergnette. Fill the bottom layer with heart-shaped candies

Photographs: Hopkins

Flowery Valentines for your table

By Fae Huttenlocher

Pink and orchid are popular table colors. So back come these old, fluted cranberry and milk-glass bowls. They make wonderful valentines for your tea table, arranged with 12 pink and white carnations, lavender and white freesias. Exquisite Caribbee pattern china and silverplated Apple pattern tea service are graceful accompaniments



French or Victorian nosegays in lace-paper doilies are easily made to fit any size container—from an eggcup to the inexpensive glass vase pictured here. One for the dining or card table makes a perfect valentine. Belvidere pattern china with Prelude silver and Ingrid crystal completes a dainty setting

New soups from two soups

Soup Mates

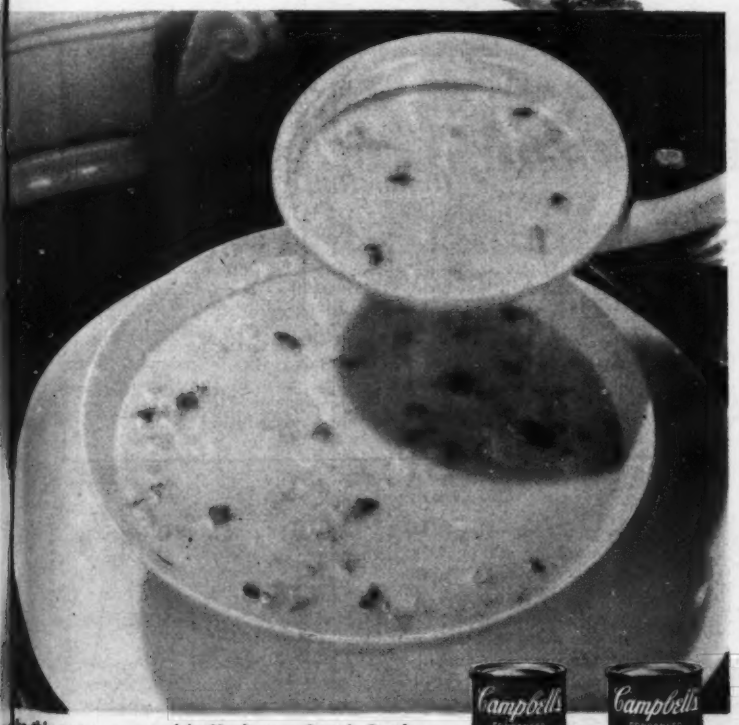
Hundreds of women write us about Soup Mates. They tell us what delicious new soups they make by adding one Campbell's Soup to another Campbell's Soup and how much their families enjoy these soup-bowl surprises.

You'll like them, too. Try the three exciting flavor combinations on this page. One thick and hearty. Two creamy-smooth. All so delightful you'll want to have them often – and then go ahead and create a lot more Soup Mates of your very own.

Write us which ones *you* like best – why don't you?

These three Soup Mates start with Cream of Mushroom Soup!

Make this new soup — it's Mushroom-Chicken – a smooth, creamy soup! Start with one can of Cream of Mushroom Soup, add one can of Cream of Chicken, blend with 1½ cans of water. Have a new and happy lunch.



Make this new soup — it's Mushroom-Scotch Broth — tender chunks of mutton, mushrooms, and vegetables simmered in country cream. Start with one can of Cream of Mushroom Soup, add one can Scotch Broth, combine with 1½ cans of milk.

Make this new soup — it's Mushroom-Tomato — the flavor of ripe, red tomatoes enriched by tender mushrooms in cream! Start with one can of Cream of Mushroom Soup, add one can of Tomato, blend with 1½ cans of milk.

Good cooks cook with *Campbell's Soup*

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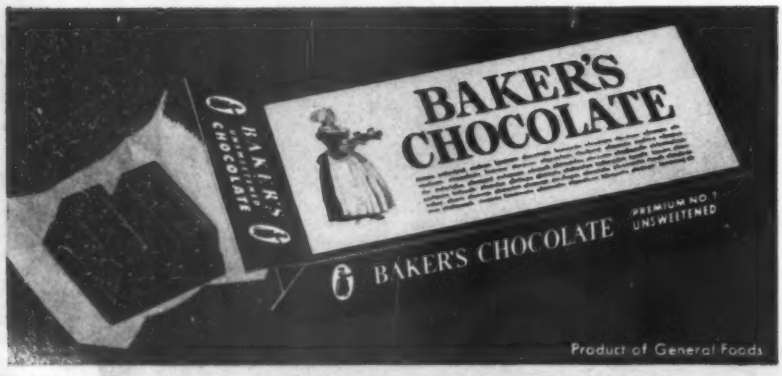

Money for your recipes

Cooking with cookies; stuffed vegetables

TWENTY-ONE CASH PRIZES will be sent to the winners of our new contest. Your favorite recipe for cooking with cookies or for stuffed vegetables may be a money-maker. Two Cooks-of-the-Month will receive $20 each—nineteen other winners will receive $5 each. Eight of the winning recipes will be pictured in the Prize Tested Recipes pages next September. The winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and six copies of the endorsed recipe.

Hints to help you

Cooking with cookies. When you zip open a package of cookies or wafers, what dessert or pie do you like to make? Is it chilled, frozen, or a quickie? Do you use vanilla or chocolate wafers, graham crackers, gingersnaps, macaroons, shortbread, fig-bar cookies, ladyfingers? Suggestions:

vanilla-wafer refrigerator dessert
graham-cracker pudding
biscuit tortoni
pumpkin-chiffon
ginger tarts
cheese cake with zwieback crust
cooky crust—you name the flavor

Stuffed vegetables. We'd like your recipes for tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, big onions, acorn squash, eggplant. Is the stuffing meat, chicken, seafood, cheese, other vegetables—with cereal or crumbs? Recipes with a foreign touch will be welcome, too! Let us know all your preparation secrets. Ideas:

meat-cabbage rolls
squash 'n sausage
baked tomatoes with cheese
eggplant with creole stuffing
veal-stuffed peppers
stuffed mushrooms
baked ham-filled onions
stuffed zucchini

This month's winners

(*See recipes on pages 95 and 96*)

Cook-of-the-Month

Esther R. Crooks, Solebury, Pa.

Other Winners

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Mrs. Don H. Frantz, Dayton, Ohio
Mrs. D. H. Page, Wauseon, Ohio
Mrs. Albert A. Seasongood, Philadelphia, Pa.
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Mrs. Charles F. Stierwalt, Downers Grove, Ill.
Sylvia Wood, Memphis, Tenn.

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Mrs. Marvin C. Tannenholz, Kalamazoo, Mich.
June Terzie, Milton, Mass.

Contest rules

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time, and mark it "September Cooking with Cookies" or "September Stuffed Vegetables."
2. Print your full name and address in upper right corner of paper.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons—never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the origin of the recipe you submit.
6. Recipes submitted become property of *Better Homes & Gardens*.
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, February 29.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5402 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

How to make leftover meat into 4 good meals with Franco-American Beef Gravy

If you haven't discovered FRANCO-AMERICAN Beef Gravy, do get acquainted! It's *perfect* gravy—rich, smooth, brown, and *always ready*. Low in calories, too. It's made from quality lean beef and twelve other homey ingredients. With it, you can make literally dozens of marvelous meals. Shown on this page are just a few.

Blue-ribbon Stew! Cut leftover cooked beef into cubes. Add a variety of vegetables (potatoes, carrots, onions, celery, peas). Season with salt and pepper. Pour in a can of Franco-American Beef Gravy; cover and cook until the vegetables are tender. (This is an easy, hearty meal. And men, especially, welcome it with cheers.)

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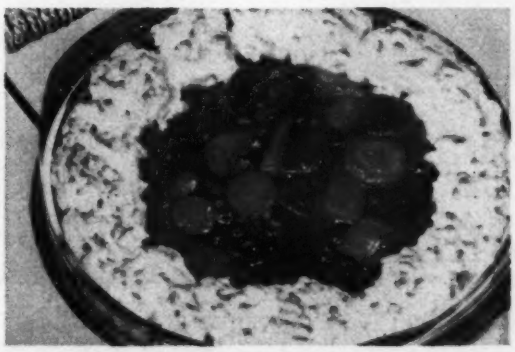
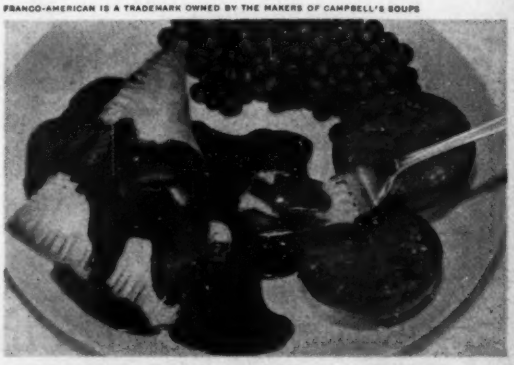
Beef Noodle Ring. Cut cooked meat into cubes. Mix with 1 can Franco-American Beef Gravy; season to your taste, then heat. Pour over a ring of buttered, cooked noodles. Our gravy also makes a fine topper for rice, potatoes, biscuits.



Shepherd's Pie. Brown chopped onion in shortening. Add 1 can Franco-American Beef Gravy, cubed cooked pork or lamb, cooked carrots and peas. Pour into casserole. Pile mashed potatoes around top. Bake at 450° F. about 25 minutes.



Beef Turnovers. Moisten chopped, cooked beef with Franco-American Beef Gravy. Roll pastry dough, cut in squares. Place meat mixture on each; fold in triangles. Pinch edges. Bake 20 minutes at 450° F. Heat rest of gravy; pour over.

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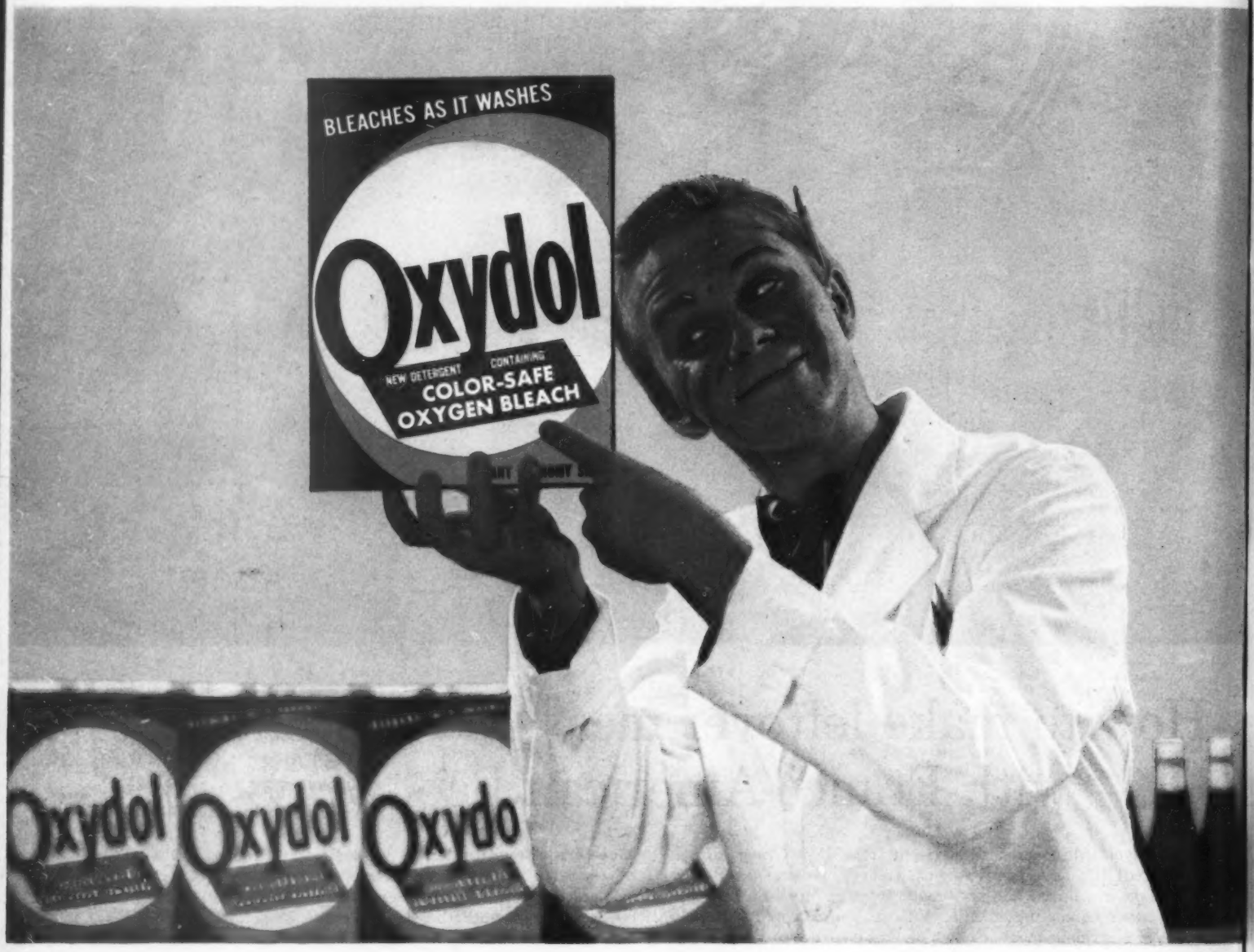

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Grapefruit Sherbet Surprise. This has plenty of "ginger"—we mean tiny flecks of candied ginger to make it delightful, different. Top with sprig of mint for a light dessert or tangy meat accompaniment

Go flavor-fresh with fruit juice

THAT'S the easy way to put summer sparkle in wintertime desserts. Keep cans of juice and concentrate handy on shelf and in the freezer. Enjoy a fruity sherbet, sundae sauce, salad dressing, or jiffy pudding. Or savor the warmth of hot mulled punch

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Concord Punch—the pungent fragrance is straight from Grandmother's kitchen. Curl up by the fire with a mug of this hot grape drink and never mind the cold outside. Cinnamon muddlers add spice

More on next page

Now—a surface unit that

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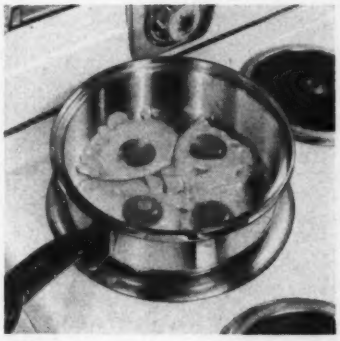

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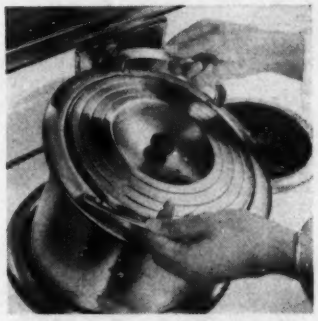

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Go flavor-fresh with fruit juice

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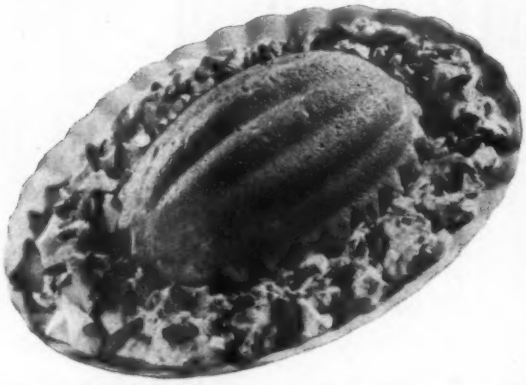
Cranberry Parfait Pie—it's the breath of spring so welcome on a snowy day. The luscious, tart-sweet filling is a fluffy blend of cranberries and vanilla ice cream. It's truly "easy as pie"!



Orange-fluff Charlotte—an elegant, gelatin make-ahead for midwinter entertaining. You can fix it in a twinkling. Circle it with clouds of whipped cream sprinkled with toasty almonds

Creamy Apricot Dessert—whip it up in a jiffy with instant pudding, apricot nectar, and whipped cream. Add California walnuts for crunch. Poke in vanilla wafers for the jaunty trim

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In the old kitchen at Kenmore, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Betty Washington Lewis, sister of George Washington, supervised the baking of Gingerbread from her mother's private recipe.

You can bake your Gingerbread from the private recipe of *Mary, George Washington's Mother*

Photographed in the kitchen of Kenmore, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

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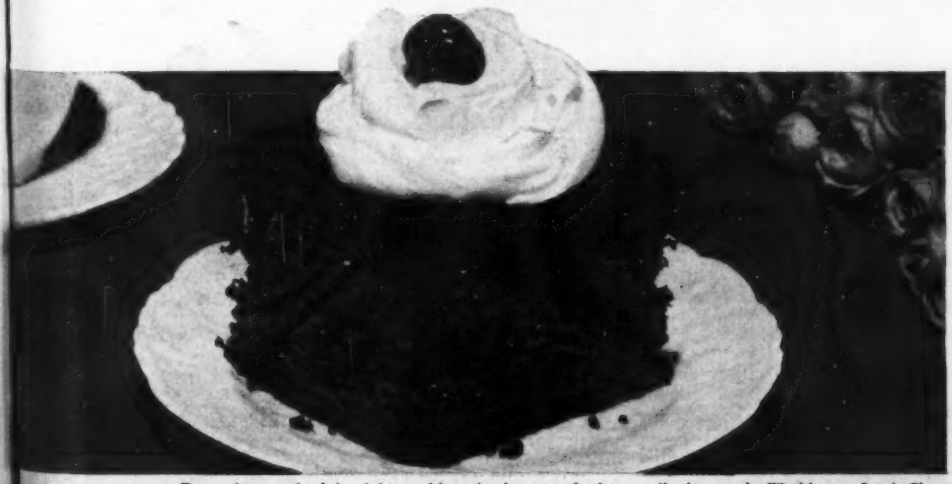

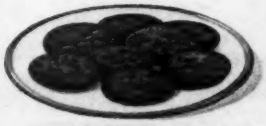

Dromedary Gingerbread Mix makes wonderful cookies

SPECIAL DROMEDARY TREAT
Cut gingerbread into squares. Then cut squares into equal layers. Place sliced bananas and whipped cream on lower layer. Replace upper layer and top with more sliced bananas and whipped cream.

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The kids are cooking!

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Chipper Tuna Casserole

You'll need:

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup

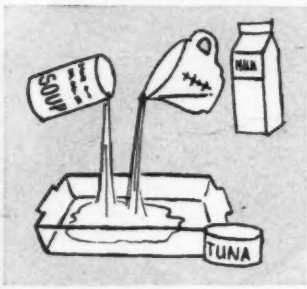
⅓ cup milk

1 cup cooked or canned peas

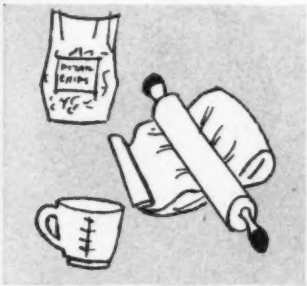
1 6½- or 7-ounce can tuna

1 cup crushed potato chips

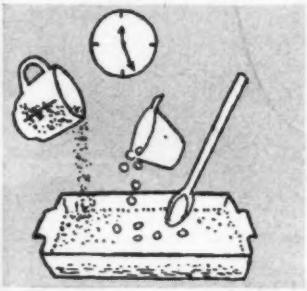
Take out: Small casserole or baking dish, can opener, measuring cup, mixing spoon, paper sack or plastic bag, rolling pin; and potholders



1 Set oven temperature indicator at 350°. Empty soup into casserole. Stir in milk. Add drained tuna



2 Put the potato chips in a clean paper sack or plastic bag; crush with rolling pin. Now measure 1 cup



3 Add ¾ cup of the chips, then peas. Top with remaining chips. Bake 25 minutes. Makes 4 servings

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Huron cook wins two years in a row

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Grapefruit Sherbet Surprise

1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
½ cup sugar
1 tablespoon finely chopped candied ginger
½ cup hot water
1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) unsweetened grapefruit juice
Few drops yellow food coloring, if desired

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2 egg whites
Dash salt
¼ cup sugar

Soften gelatin in cold water. Combine ½ cup sugar, candied ginger, and hot water; boil 2 minutes. Remove from heat; add gelatin and stir till dissolved. Add grapefruit juice and food coloring. Pour into refrigerator tray. Freeze firm; break in chunks; beat with electric beater until smooth.* Beat egg whites with salt till soft peaks form. Gradually add ¼ cup sugar and beat till stiff peaks form and sugar dissolves. Fold into grapefruit mixture. Return to tray; freeze firm. Makes 1½ to 2 quarts.

*Or freeze mixture till partially frozen. Beat smooth with rotary beater.

Concord Punch

4 cups bottled or canned* grape juice
¼ to ⅓ cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
Dash cloves
Dash ginger

Combine all the ingredients. Slowly bring mixture to boiling. Serve hot with cinnamon sticks as muddlers. Makes 5 servings.

*Or use frozen grape-juice concentrate and add water according to label directions.

Cranberry Parfait Pie

1 package lemon-flavored gelatin
1 cup hot cranberry-juice cocktail
½ cup cold water
1 pint vanilla ice cream
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 1-pound can (2 cups) whole cranberry sauce
1 9-inch baked pastry shell

Dissolve gelatin in hot cranberry cocktail. Add cold water. Cut ice cream in 6 chunks; add to gelatin mixture and stir till melted. Chill mixture till it begins to thicken and mound when spooned (about 20 to 30 minutes). Stir lemon peel and lemon juice into cranberry sauce; fold into gelatin mixture. Chill

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Men laugh at women's purses
With their lavish load of loot,
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Everyday potatoes taste special when

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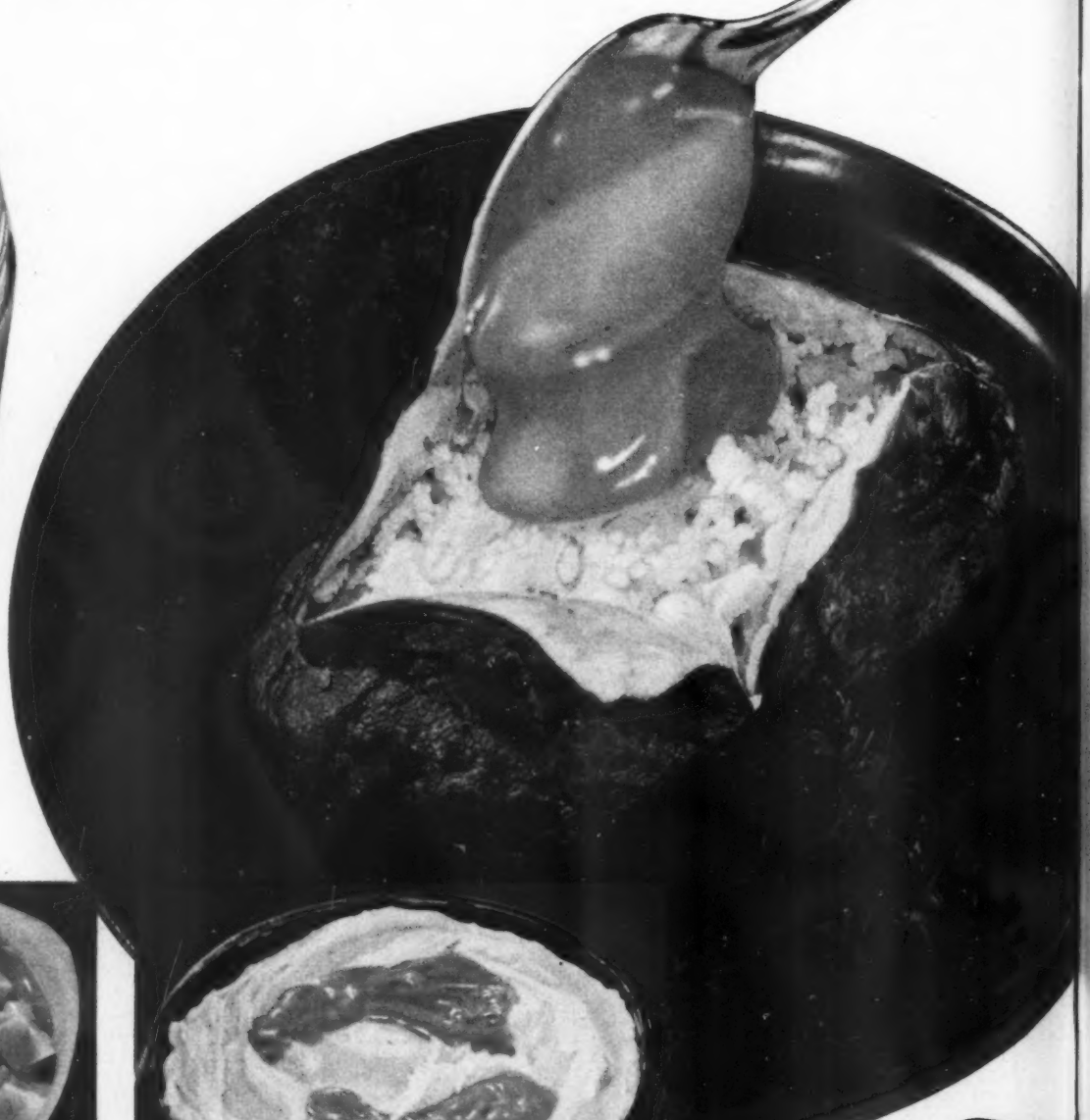
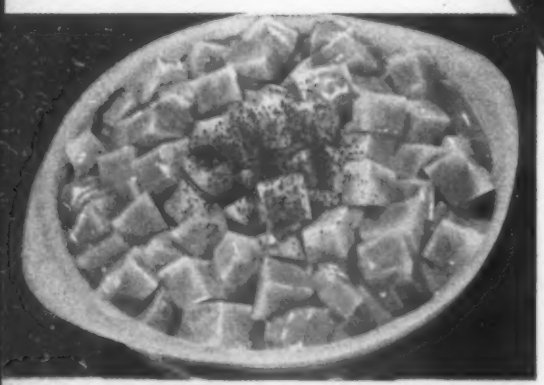
Into the heart of a split, hot baked potato spoon a big swirl of Kraft's Cheez Whiz. That golden goodness will *melt right in*... putting fine cheese flavor through and through. Garnish 'em with a sprig of parsley.

This is just one of *dozens* of fast cheese treats with Kraft's Cheez Whiz. ***Spoon it onto hot foods! Heat it for cheese sauce! Spread it for snacks!***





Golden nuggets In a saucepan heat Cheez Whiz over very low heat. Pour that glorious cheese sauce over hot, cooked, diced potatoes. Sprinkle them with paprika and serve hot. They're *great!* (Try heated Cheez Whiz on green beans and cauliflower, too.)

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Red-and-white February buffet

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chatting and easy eating. There'll be a basket of heated rolls passed as soon as everyone's seated.

Dessert time, pluck a fragrant carnation from the top of the pretty centerpiece and take one of the cunning Angel-cake Miniatures from the lower deck. Ladle Cherry Sauce atop your cake and pick up a cup of steaming coffee.

A mighty delicious and satisfying meal, this. And gaily color-schemed to celebrate such February occasions as Valentine's Day, the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. So right for any time you want to treat friends to a gala buffet. Be sure to try all the good recipes below.

Cocktail Sauce

Zesty go-with for shrimp cooked to the pink of perfection—

- ⅓ cup chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- 1½ tablespoons horse-radish
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ teaspoon grated onion
- 2 drops Tabasco sauce
- Salt to taste

Combine ingredients and chill thoroughly. Serve with seafood cocktails. Makes ½ cup.

Party Chicken

Really wonderful! And we mean it! Double the recipe for a crowd—

- 4 chicken breasts
- ¼ cup enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- Dash pepper

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- 1 recipe Herb Stuffing

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- ½ cup butter or margarine, melted

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- Chopped parsley
- 1 recipe Mushroom Sauce

Split chicken breasts just enough to fold. Combine flour and seasonings in paper bag; add chicken and shake. Fill cavity of each piece of chicken with **Herb Stuffing:** Mix 2 cups dry bread cubes, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon poultry seasoning, and dash pepper. Add 2 tablespoons melted butter and ¼ cup hot water; toss gently. Hold stuffing in by skewering opening of chicken with toothpicks. Dip chicken in melted butter; place in baking dish. (If any butter remains, drizzle it over top.) Bake in slow oven (325°) 45 minutes; turn, and bake an additional 45 minutes, or till tender. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve with Mushroom Sauce. Makes 4 servings.

Mushroom Sauce

- ½ pound fresh mushrooms, cut in half
- ¼ cup minced onion
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons enriched flour
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ cup sour cream
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

Cook mushrooms and onion lightly in butter till tender but not brown; cover and cook 10 minutes over low heat. Push mushrooms to one side and stir flour into butter. Add heavy cream, sour cream, and seasonings. Heat slowly, stirring constantly, almost to boiling point. Makes about 1½ cups.

Spiced Fruit Compote

Perfect hot accompaniment for chicken or ham. Or chill the fruit if you prefer—

- 1 No. 2½ can (3½ cups) fruits for salad or canned fruits of your choice
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 6 inches stick cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves

Combine fruits (with their syrup), the vinegar, cinnamon, and cloves in saucepan; heat to boiling. Simmer 5 minutes. Garnish with a few spiced crabapples if desired. Keep hot in chafing dish. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Buffet Salad Bowl

Crisp, crunchy vegetables in picture-pretty array—

- ½ head romaine or lettuce
- 2 heads Bibb lettuce or ½ head Boston lettuce
- 2 cups sliced raw cauliflower
- 4 medium tomatoes, sliced
- 1 green pepper, sliced

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- Special French Dressing

Line bowl with romaine. Pull Bibb lettuce apart in "petals." Arrange in bowl with cauliflower, tomatoes, green pepper. Toss with enough Special French Dressing to coat vegetables. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Special French Dressing

Has the zing you like to add to a tossed salad—

- ⅔ cup salad vinegar
- ⅔ cup salad oil
- ⅓ cup water
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives or green onions
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon celery salt
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- Dash pepper

Put ingredients in jar; cover and shake well before using. Makes 1¾ cups.

Angel-cake Miniatures

These bake in tiny tube pans that can double as molds for gelatin salads or desserts—

Whip up your favorite angel-cake recipe. Spoon the batter into *ungreased* individual round tube pans, filling them ¾ full. (If you have batter leftover, bake it in an *ungreased* loaf pan—use a size that the batter will fill ¾ full.) Bake the individual cakes in moderate oven (375°) about 20 minutes. Test for doneness: Touch top lightly—if it springs back, cake is baked. Invert cakes and cool in pans. To serve, remove cakes and fill centers with whipped cream and top with cherry, if desired.

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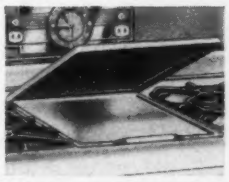

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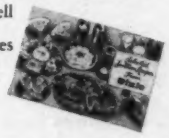

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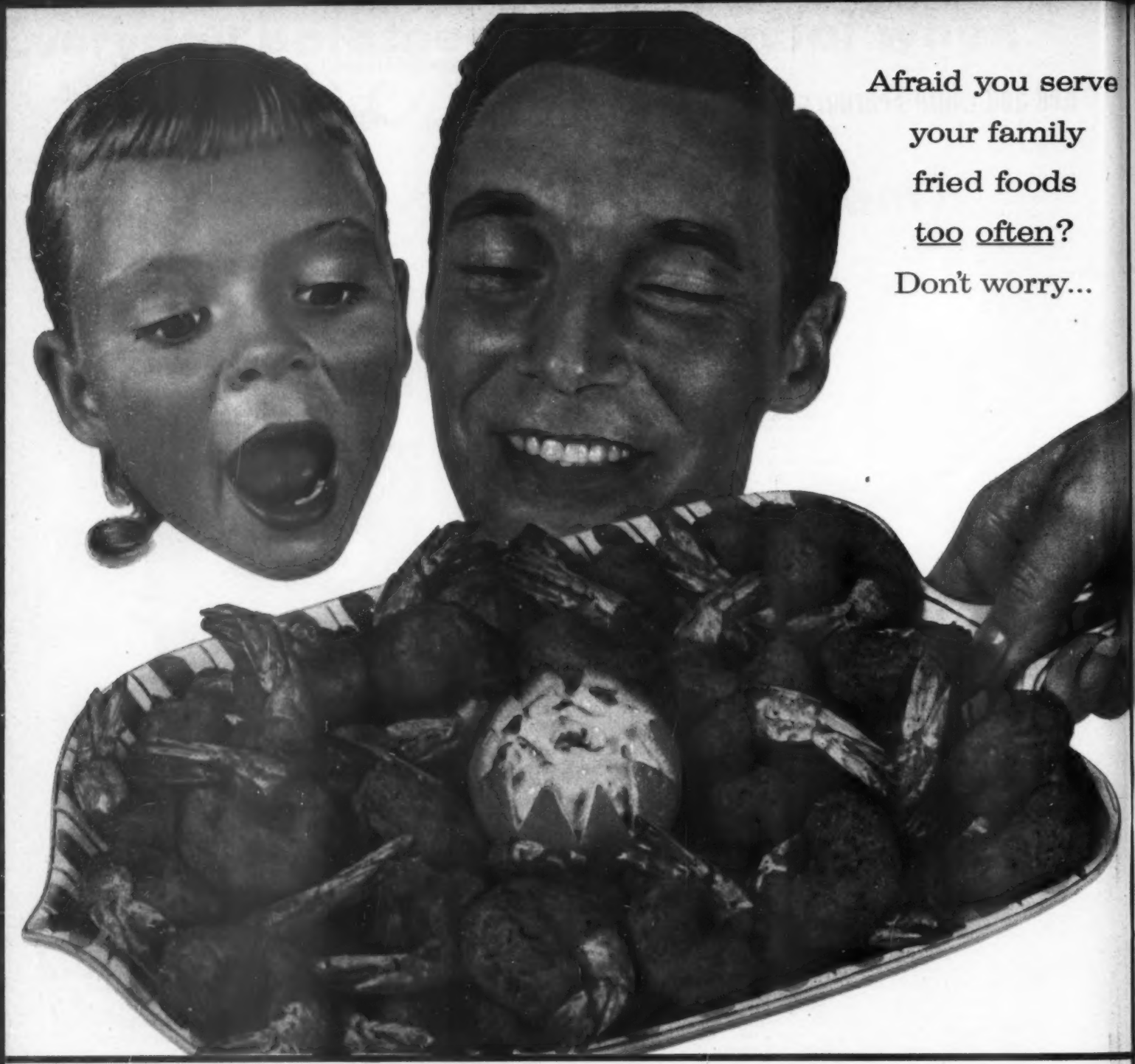

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Skillet Delight

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¾ to 1 teaspoon sage
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
6 ¾-inch loin pork chops
2 tablespoons fat
2 medium onions, sliced
1 can condensed consomme
1 cup sour cream
3 tablespoons enriched flour
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Combine sage, salt, and pepper; rub chops with mixture. Brown lightly in hot fat. Drain off excess fat. Add onion and consomme. Cover and simmer 30 minutes, or till meat is almost done. Combine sour cream and flour; pour over chops. Simmer uncovered 8 to 10 minutes longer. Before serving, sprinkle with parsley. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. Charles F. Stierwalt, Downers Grove, Illinois

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Macaroni, spaghetti, and noodles

Macaroni Omelet With Creole Sauce

Cook 1 cup elbow macaroni in boiling salted water; drain. Combine with ½ cup finely diced sharp process American cheese and ½ teaspoon salt. Beat 4 egg yolks till thick and lemon-colored; add to macaroni mixture. Fold in 4 stiff-beaten egg whites. Melt 1 tablespoon butter, margarine, or cooking fat in 10-inch skillet; when hot, pour in egg mixture. Cook over low heat about 20 minutes, or till lightly browned on bottom. Loosen. Cut partly through center; fold in half. Place on hot platter; serve with Creole Sauce. Makes 4 to 6 servings. **Creole Sauce:** Cook 3 tablespoons each finely chopped onion and green pepper in 2 tablespoons butter or margarine until tender but not brown. Add one 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce, one 3- or 4-ounce can (about ¾ cup) sliced mushrooms, drained, ½ teaspoon salt, dash pepper. Simmer 10 minutes.

Esther R. Crooks, Solebury, Pennsylvania

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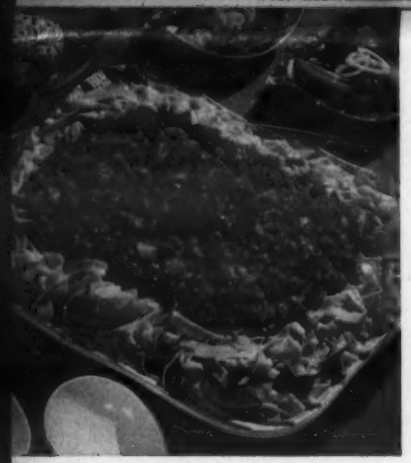

Italian Green Noodles With Meat Sauce

Meat Sauce: Lightly brown ¾ pound ground beef and ¼ pound bulk pork sausage. Add ¼ cup each chopped onion and celery, and 1 clove garlic, minced; cook till tender but not brown. Add two 1-pound cans (4 cups) tomatoes, two 6-ounce cans (1⅓ cups) tomato paste, ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese, 2 tablespoons parsley flakes, 1½ teaspoons salt, 1 teaspoon oregano, ½ teaspoon monosodium glutamate. Cover; simmer about 1½ hours. Skim off excess fat. Serve over hot **Italian Green Noodles:** Sift together 2 cups sifted enriched flour and ½ teaspoon salt. Combine 2 beaten eggs, ¼ cup strained spinach, and 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted; add to dry ingredients. Mix well. Knead gently ½ minute on lightly floured surface. Divide dough in half; roll *very* thin. Let stand about 45 minutes (dough must not be sticky or too dry). Roll like jelly roll; cut ¼-inch slices. Cook in boiling salted water 8 to 10 minutes or till tender. Rinse with hot water; drain. Makes 6 servings. *Mrs. Don H. Frantz, Dayton, Ohio*

Tuna-Spaghetti Bake

Cook one-half 7-ounce package (1 cup) cut spaghetti in boiling salted water until tender; drain. In 1½-quart casserole combine spaghetti with one 6½- or 7-ounce can (1 cup) tuna, flaked, and ⅓ cup chopped pimiento. Brown ½ cup slivered blanched almonds in 1 tablespoon butter or margarine; stir in 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup, ¾ cup milk, and 1½ cups grated sharp process American cheese. Heat and stir till cheese melts. Pour over spaghetti mixture. Border with ½ cup crushed potato chips. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes or till heated through. Garnish with pimiento. Makes 4 to 5 servings.
Mrs. Daniel Black, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Savory-sweet Roast With Noodles

- 3 pounds rump or chuck roast
- 2 cups onion slices
- 2 8-ounce cans (2 cups) seasoned tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- ¼ cup wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 4-to 6-ounce package medium noodles

Brown meat in small amount hot fat. Add remaining ingredients except noodles; cover and simmer 2 hours. Add noodles and more water if needed; cook 30 minutes longer, or till all is done. Makes 6 to 8 servings. *Mrs. W. G. Silvie, Orange, New Jersey*

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Canadian-bacon Dinner

- 1½ pounds Canadian bacon, unsliced
- 1 large onion, cut in ¼-inch slices
- Prepared mustard
- Whole cloves
- 1 1-pound 2-ounce can dry-pack sweet potatoes
- ⅓ cup brown sugar
- ⅓ cup honey

Remove casing and make 5 diagonal slashes ¾-way through bacon. Place fat side up in 10x6x1½-inch baking dish. Put onion slice in each slash. Spread top of meat with mustard, then stud with cloves. Bake in slow oven (325°) 50 minutes. Arrange potatoes around meat. Combine brown sugar and honey; pour over meat and potatoes. Bake 20 minutes longer. When serving, spoon glaze over potatoes. Makes 6 servings.
Sylvia Wood, Memphis, Tennessee

Molasses-barbecued Spareribs

- 3 pounds spareribs, cut in serving pieces
- ¼ cup prepared mustard
- ¼ cup light molasses
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce

Place ribs in shallow baking pan. Combine remaining ingredients; pour over ribs. Chill 3 hours or longer. Spoon sauce over ribs; bake in moderate oven (350°) about 1½ hours or until tender, basting occasionally. Turn once during baking. Garnish with lemon slices when serving. Makes 3 to 4 servings. *Mrs. D. H. Page, Wauseon, Ohio*

Apple-glazed Pork Loin

- 1 tablespoon enriched flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 3½ to 4 pounds pork-loin roast

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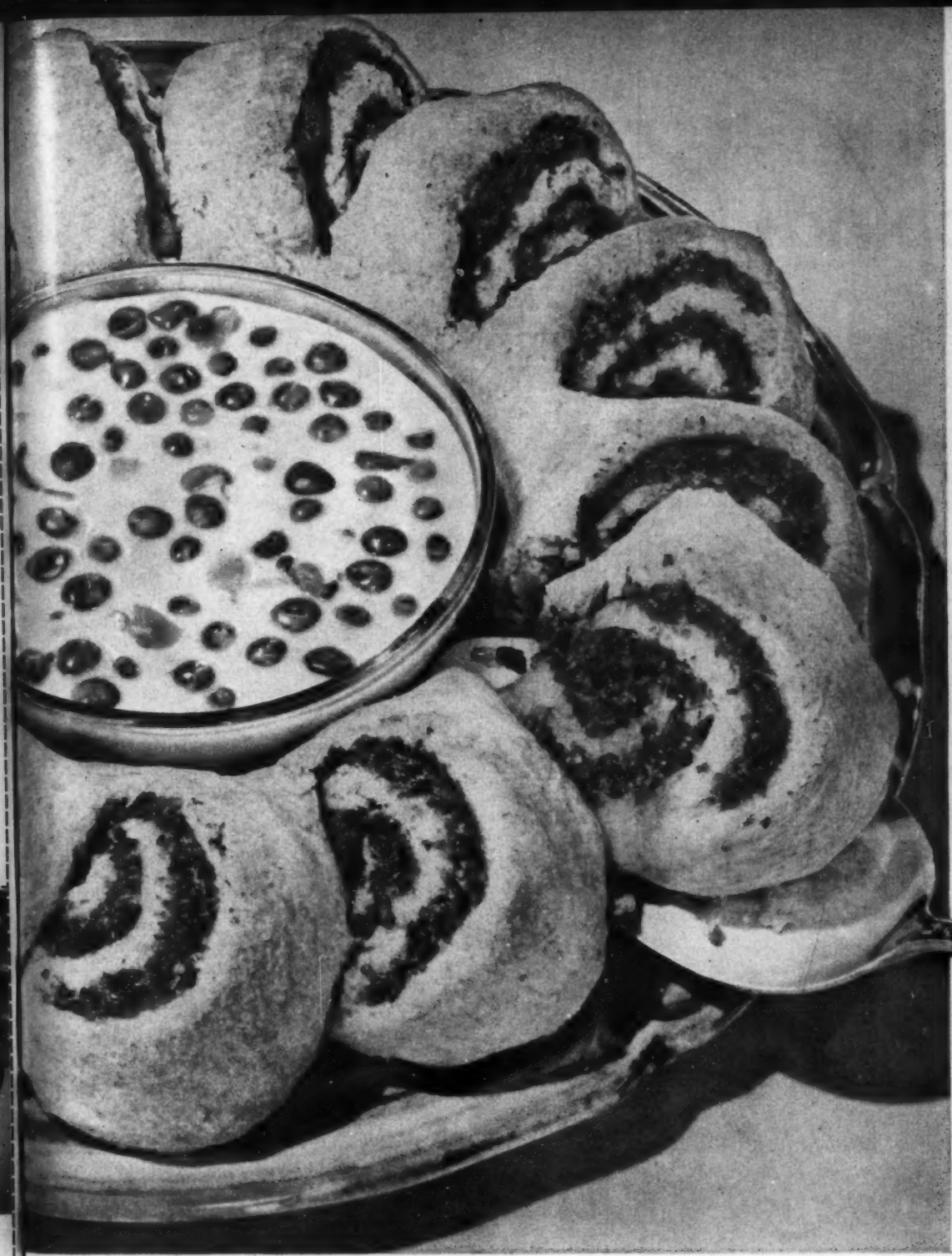
- 1 1-pound can (2 cups) sweetened applesauce
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon cloves

Combine flour and seasonings; rub on roast. Place fat side up in shallow roasting pan. (Do not add water.) Roast uncovered in slow oven (325°) until meat thermometer registers 185° (35 to 40 minutes per pound). About 1 hour before end of roasting time, spread with mixture of applesauce, sugar, and spices. Return to oven till done. Garnish with pineapple slices topped with spiced crabapples. Makes 8 servings.
Mrs. Albert A. Seasongood, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



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FILLING:

- **1 pound ground cooked ham (about 2 cups)**
- **1 egg, slightly beaten**
- **1½ teaspoons prepared mustard**
- **1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce**

DOUGH:

- **1 cup Quaker or Aunt Jemima Corn Meal (white or yellow)**
- **1½ cups sifted flour**
- **3 teaspoons baking powder**
- **½ teaspoon salt**
- **⅓ cup shortening**
- **¾ cup milk**

Combine all ingredients for filling. To make dough, sift together dry ingredients. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk and mix lightly only until dry ingredients are dampened. (Add a little more milk if necessary to make a soft dough.) Turn out on a lightly floured board and knead a few seconds. Roll to form 11 x 16-inch rectangle. Spread with ham filling. Roll up like jelly roll. Seal edges. Place on cooky sheet, curving to look like "horse shoe."

With scissors make 12 cuts about 1¼ inches apart, two-thirds of the way into roll. Turn each section on its side. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) 20 to 25 minutes. Serve hot with sauce. (Combine 1 can cream of mushroom soup with ⅔ cup milk; heat to boiling. Add about 1½ cups defrosted frozen peas and cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently.)

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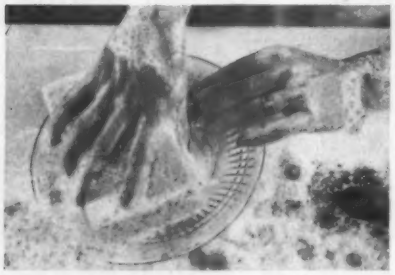

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Thrifty pork dinners

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Stuffed Pork Shoulder

It's hearty and old-fashioned with sage dressing—

5 pounds pork shoulder, cushion
Salt and pepper
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4 cups dry bread cubes
1 cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon sage
⅓ cup melted butter or margarine
Hot water to moisten

Have meatman remove bone from pork and make a pocket for stuffing. Have cord inserted several places across opening, but do not tie. Season inside and out with salt and pepper; if you like, rub outside with cut clove of garlic. Combine remaining ingredients for stuffing; fill cavity; tie cords. Place meat fat side up in shallow roasting pan (do not cover). Score meat and roast in slow oven (325°) 40 to 45 minutes per pound (about 3½ hours). Meat thermometer should register 185°. If desired, make gravy from pan drippings. Makes about 10 servings.

Roast Potatoes

Pare medium potatoes; cook in boiling salted water 15 minutes; drain. About 45 minutes before Stuffed Pork Shoulder (or other roast at 325°) is done, place hot potatoes in the meat drippings, turning potatoes to coat. Roast till potatoes are done, turning occasionally to baste. Sprinkle lightly with salt before serving.

New-cabbage Salad

The parsley gives bright spring color—

3 cups finely shredded crisp cabbage
¾ cup chopped parsley
1 or 2 medium onions, sliced and separated in rings
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3 tablespoons sugar
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ cup vinegar
3 tablespoons salad oil

Combine chilled vegetables. Combine remaining ingredients, stirring to dissolve sugar. Just before serving, pour dressing over vegetables; toss lightly. If desired, garnish with additional onion rings. Makes 6 servings.

Apple Torte

Simple to make and easy on the purse strings—

½ cup sugar
2 well-beaten eggs
½ cup sifted enriched flour
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped pared tart apple
½ cup chopped California walnuts

Gradually add sugar to well-beaten eggs, beating till thick and lemon-colored. Sift together dry ingredients; fold into egg mixture. Then fold in apple and nuts. Grease bottom of 8x8x2-inch pan. Pour in batter and bake in slow oven (325°) about 40 minutes. Cool. Cut in squares and serve with whipped cream spiced with a bit of cinnamon. Makes 6 servings.

Sweet-sour Pork

Golden pineapple and green pepper add a gay note to this Oriental-style stew—

1½ pounds lean pork shoulder, cut in 2x½-inch strips
2 tablespoons fat
¼ cup water
1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) pineapple chunks
¼ cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
¼ cup vinegar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup green-pepper strips
¼ cup thinly sliced onion
2 cans (about 5 cups) chow-mein noodles

Brown pork slowly in hot fat. Add water; cover and simmer until tender (about 1 hour). Drain pineapple, reserving syrup. Combine brown sugar and cornstarch; add pineapple syrup, vinegar, soy sauce, and salt. Cook over low heat till thick, stirring constantly. Pour over hot, cooked pork; let stand 10 minutes or longer. Add pineapple, green pepper, and onion. Cook 2 to 3 minutes. Serve over chow-mein noodles or rice. Makes 6 servings.

Frozen Brittle Crunch

Luscious, with little flecks of candy in frozen whipped cream. So easy you'll make it often—

Crush ½ pound peanut brittle; fold into 2 cups heavy cream, whipped. Pour into 1-quart refrigerator tray. Freeze till firm. Do not stir. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Hocks 'n Kraut With Apples

Have you forgotten how good this can be? Now's the time to get reacquainted—

4 pork hocks
2 cups water
1 small onion, sliced
1 small carrot, sliced
1 stalk celery
1½ teaspoons mixed pickling spices
1 teaspoon salt
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2 1-pound cans (4 cups) sauerkraut
1 unpared large tart apple, sliced

Place hocks in pressure saucepan; add water, vegetables, and seasonings. Cook at 10 or 15 pounds pressure 40 to 45 minutes. Cool pan normally 5 minutes, then reduce pressure under cold running water. In 2-quart casserole, combine kraut and apple; arrange hocks on top. Bake uncovered in very slow oven (250° to 300°) 2½ to 3 hours. If desired, garnish with Glazed Apple Slices. Makes 4 servings.

Glazed Apple Slices

Slice 2 or 3 tart red apples, removing core. Place 2 tablespoons butter or margarine and ¼ cup brown sugar in skillet; heat slowly till butter melts, stirring constantly. Stir in ¼ cup water and heat to boiling. Add apple slices. Simmer gently till apples are tender, turn-

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1 tablespoon sugar	1 clove garlic
1½ teaspoons salt	

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Thrifty pork dinners

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ing occasionally to glaze. Makes about 4 servings.

Date-Nut Dessert

This pudding dress-up is fixed faster than you can say "Jack Robinson"!—

1 package instant vanilla pudding
2 cups milk
½ cup chopped pitted dates
½ cup chopped California walnuts
½ cup heavy cream, whipped

Add pudding to milk; beat with rotary beater 1 minute or till smooth. Stir in dates and nuts; fold in whipped cream. Spoon into sherbet glasses and chill. If desired, garnish with additional whipped cream and walnut halves. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Baked Fresh-ham Slices With Corn Stuffing

The good meat juices flavor the stuffing, too—

2 fresh-ham steaks, ¾ to 1 inch thick*

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1 1-pound can (2 cups) whole kernel corn, drained
1 cup soft bread crumbs
¼ cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1½ teaspoons salt
Dash pepper

Brown meat slowly in a little hot fat. Combine remaining ingredients for stuffing. Place one ham steak in a shallow baking dish and spread with corn stuffing; cover with other steak. Bake in slow oven (325°) 1½ hours or till done. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

*Or ask your meatman to butterfly 2 pork-shoulder steaks.

Calico Salad

For fruity tang, add 1 cup diced apple—

1½ cups finely shredded crisp red cabbage
1½ cups finely shredded crisp green cabbage
¼ cup minced onion

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⅔ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 tablespoon sugar
3 tablespoons vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon celery seed

Combine chilled vegetables. Combine remaining ingredients, stirring to dissolve sugar. Pour dressing over vegetables; toss lightly. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Caramel Baked Apples

Stuffed with raisins and nuts and topped with sugar and cinnamon, they're dandy as dessert—or try them for breakfast—

4 to 6 tart medium apples, cored
½ cup seedless raisins
3 tablespoons enriched flour
⅛ cup sugar
½ teaspoon cinnamon
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ cup chopped California walnuts
½ cup water
½ cup orange juice

Pare off a strip around top of apples. Place apples in baking dish; fill centers with raisins. In small mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, and cinnamon. Cut in butter with pastry blender or fork till crumbly. Add nuts. Sprinkle mixture over apples; pour water and orange juice over. Bake uncovered in slow oven (325°) 1½ hours or till done, basting occasionally with syrup in pan. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Glazed Smoked-shoulder Butt

Or glaze with currant jelly and a bit of horse-radish

1 2- to 2½-pound smoked-shoulder butt

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Whole cloves
½ cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons vinegar
½ teaspoon dry mustard

Place meat in deep kettle and cover with water. Simmer (*do not boil*) about 50 minutes per pound or till tender. Remove from water and place in baking pan. Stud with cloves. Combine brown sugar, vinegar, and mustard; spread on meat. Bake in hot oven (400°) until glazed (about 15 minutes). Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Stuffed Baked Potatoes

Cut slice from top of freshly baked potatoes or halve large ones lengthwise. Scoop out inside; mash; add a little hot milk, butter, and seasonings to taste. Beat till fluffy; pile lightly into shells. Sprinkle with grated process American cheese and return to oven or put under broiler till hot and cheese melts. For color, sprinkle with paprika.

Candied Carrots

Sprinkle with chopped parsley for a party touch—

Cook 2 bunches small carrots in boiling salted water till tender, about 20 to 25 minutes; drain. Melt ⅓ cup butter in skillet; stir in ⅓ cup honey. Add carrots and cook over medium heat, turning several times, until well glazed. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Bran Muffins

If you sprinkle bran on the batter before baking, muffins will have added crunch—

2 tablespoons shortening
3 tablespoons sugar
1 egg
¾ cup milk
1 cup whole bran
½ cup raisins
1 cup sifted enriched flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt

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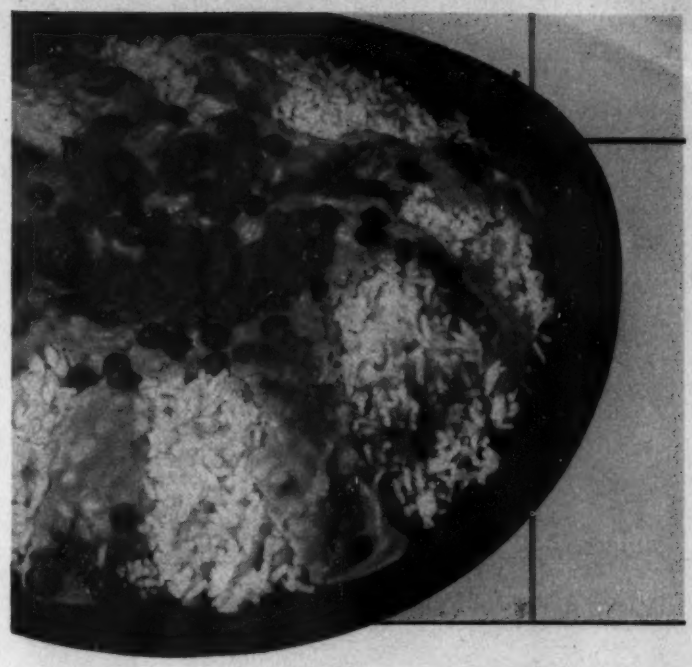
Little homily

The art of happiness is a knack
Of making the most of our human lot
By rejoicing more for the things we've got
Than we lament for the things we lack.

—*Georgie Starbuck Galbraith*



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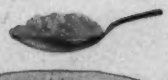

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Cooky-cutter cutups

Get your cooky cutters out of the drawer and into action. Why limit their use just to cookies? Have fun with cutters. Count on them to serve as patterns, to speed up cutting jobs, and to fix quick garnishes

By Anne Anderson

Star attraction is soup of contrasting colors. Use soup plates with a flat bottom. Hold a star cooky cutter firmly in center of plate; ladle hot tomato soup around star and green pea soup in center; carefully lift out the cutter. Do this at the table so you won't jar the design

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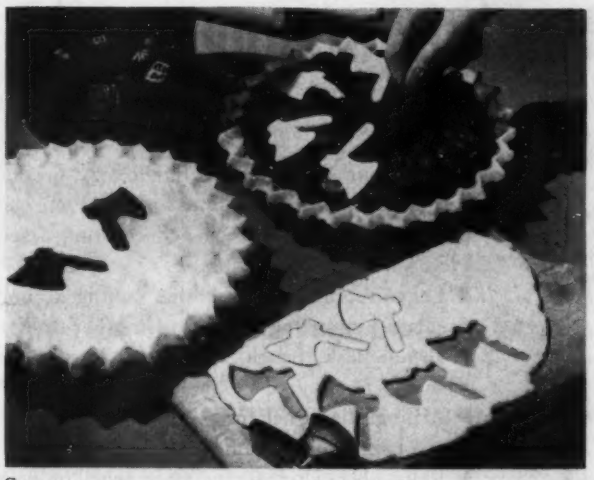
Pimiento crescents help to dress up a tuna- or salmon-salad mold. With small, round cutter, make a half-circle cut in piece of pimiento: move cutter up about ½ inch from first cut; press again. Line up the crescents and stuffed-olive slices alternately down center of the mold

Sugar-cooky valentines are tasty and pretty enough for a party. Use heart-shape cutter as pattern. Frost cookies; when topper's almost firm, gently place cutter on cooky. Sprinkle area inside with multicolored, red, or chocolate candy decorettes. Keep design smooth



Snappy cutters give a new face to fruit pies. Here, we use a hatchet cutter to make windows in the top pastry—and then to make pastry cutouts to place atop a tangy cherry filling. Try other clever designs to carry out a holiday or party theme for any month of the year

Speedy hash browns—when you chop cooked potatoes with a round cutter right in the skillet just as a chef does! Cut potatoes in ¼-inch slices and turn into a hot greased skillet; chop; brown till crisp

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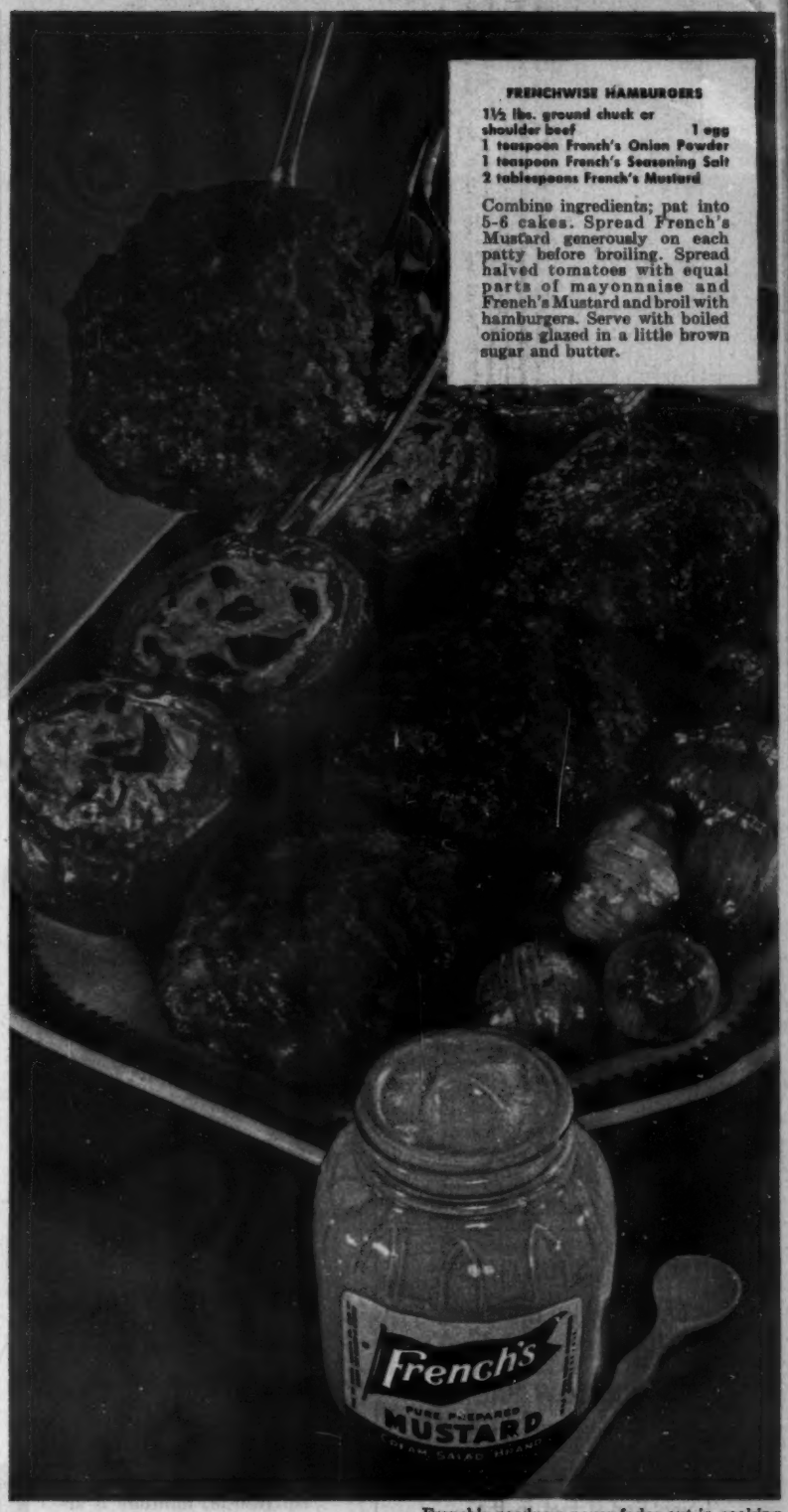

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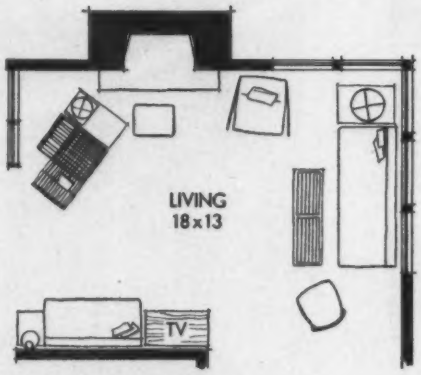
The comfortable but lightweight chairs can easily be turned to face the fireplace or TV opposite (see floor plan). Low stool gives additional seating without spoiling the arrangement around the fireplace. Cushions, a low bench, or a small side chair could also have been used. William Ballenger home, Highland Park, Illinois

Try a new TV furniture arrangement



Plan shows that the temptation to put the TV in the corner next to the fireplace or in the entrance way was avoided. Instead, furniture is arranged to balance visually.

The long couch and chair in front of the windows form a conversational group placed for easy televiewing.

DOES your TV set crowd out a cozy fireside furniture grouping—or stand forlorn at one end of the room? TV *can* be a decorating asset. Here's how:

▶ Leave room for comfortable seating around fireplace by putting TV set on another wall.

▶ Group desk, bench, shelves, and/or chairs with the TV to give weight to that wall.

▶ Arrange the other furniture in groups where view of set is best, traffic lanes are open.

▶ Remember: Do rearranging in pencil on floor plan, *then* call Dad to do the actual moving.

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This way the set becomes a good-looking, as well as usable, part of the decorating.

The sofa is heavy enough in scale to balance the set, completes the conversational circle when the set is not in use.

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The $25,000 in Pillsbury's

"I said to myself, my Pillsbury's BEST will behave just as well at the Waldorf as it does at home—and it did." In her own words, this was the comforting thought that enabled Mrs. Henry Jorgensen of Portland, Oregon, to bake her way to the championship and the big $25,000 check in the Bake-Off of Pillsbury's 7th Grand National Recipe and Baking Contest in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria.

Making her $25,000 "Ring-A-Lings" there before all the cameras and floodlights and crowds, Mrs. Jorgensen—whose husband works for the City of Portland and whose 18-year-old son is now assured of a college education by her winnings—was just as nervous as the next one. But, as she put it, "After using this same flour for 45 years, I knew that no matter how upset I might get, my Pillsbury's Best would give me the same wonderful results it always has."

This was the seventh try in the Grand National for Mrs. Jorgensen, who raises flowers and Chihuahua puppies as her hobbies and picks up some extra pin money working as a baby sitter.

Winner

7th Grand National

$100,000 RECIPE & BAKING CONTEST

"Ring-A-Lings"

A no-knead sweet roll innovation. A simple way to fill, twist and curl the dough. You get full flavor in every bite.

There's not only a discovery in the shaping but a real taste thrill as well—filberts in the filling and a fresh orange glaze on top! Butter and eggs in the dough make the rolls rich and tender. And there's no kneading . . . surprisingly easy to shape, too. Just a simple twist of the wrist does the trick. And you get a distinctively different and delightful flavor all through the roll.

Mrs. Henry Jorgensen's $25,000 recipe for "Ring-A-Lings"

1st Prize Winner in Pillsbury's 7th Grand National

Adapted by Ann Pillsbury

Spread Nut Filling over half of dough on long side, then fold over.

Cut into 1-inch strips (crosswise), then twist each strip 4 or 5 times.

Hold one end of twisted strip down on baking sheet (for center of roll), curl strip around, tucking end under.

BAKE at 375° F. for 15 minutes, then for 5 minutes. MAKES 1½ to 2 dozen rolls.

Soften..... 2 cakes compressed **yeast** in ¼ cup lukewarm **water**. (Or substitute 2 packages dry yeast; soften in ¼ cup very warm, not hot, water.)

Combine... ⅓ cup **butter** or margarine and ¾ cup hot scalded **milk** in large bowl. Stir until butter melts. Cool to lukewarm.

Add..... ⅓ cup **sugar**, 2 teaspoons **salt**, 2 teaspoons grated **orange rind**, 2 unbeaten **eggs** and the yeast mixture.

Add gradually. 4 to 4½ cups sifted **Pillsbury's Best Enriched Flour** to form a stiff dough. Mix thoroughly. Cover.

Let stand... 30 minutes.

Roll out.... to a 22x12-inch rectangle on floured board. Spread half of dough along 2-inch side with Nut Filling. Fold uncovered dough over filling.

Cut..... into 1-inch strips (crosswise). Twist each strip 4 or 5 times. Hold one end down on baking sheet (for center of roll); curl strip around center, tucking end under. Cover with waxed paper or towel.

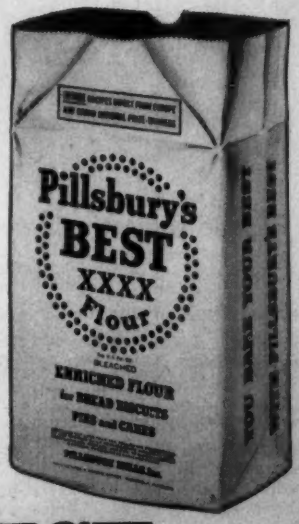
Let rise.. in warm place (85° to 90° F.) until doubled in size, 45 to 60 minutes.*

Bake.... in moderate oven (375° F.) 15 minutes until light golden brown. Meanwhile prepare glaze of ¼ cup **orange juice** and 3 tablespoons **sugar**. Brush tops of rolls and bake 5 minutes longer until deep golden brown. Remove from baking sheet immediately.

NUT FILLING

Cream ⅓ cup butter or margarine. Blend in 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar thoroughly. Add 1 cup filberts, ground or chopped very fine. (Other nuts may be substituted.)

* For warm place, set pan of boiling water in bottom of cold oven. Place rolls on rack above; close oven door. Remove 15 minutes before baking to preheat oven.



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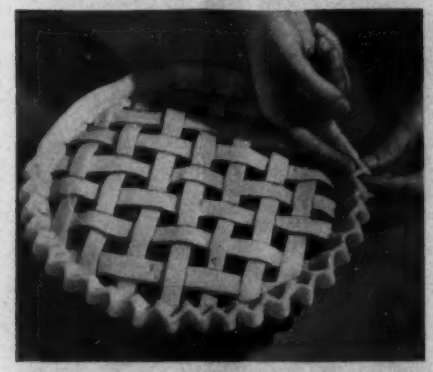
HAMBURGER UPSIDE-DOWN BAKE

- 1 lb. hamburger
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ⅓ teaspoon chili powder (optional)
- 1 bottle DEL MONTE Catsup
- 1 can (12-oz.) DEL MONTE Brand Golden Whole Kernel Corn (Vacuum Packed)
- 1 package (approx. 8 oz.) corn muffin mix

In a 10-inch skillet with oven-proof or removable handle, combine first 4 ingredients with ½ cup of the catsup. (Be sure to use 10-inch skillet, or cornbread layer will be too thick.) Break meat apart with fork; fry till just brown. Push meat back around edge of skillet; spread undrained corn in center. Mix muffin batter as directed on package; pour evenly over meat and corn. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 20 to 25 min. or till muffin layer is done. Remove from oven, let stand 5 min., and turn out upside down on warm serving plate. Heat rest of catsup and serve as a sauce. Serves 4 to 6.

The brand you know puts flavor first **Del Monte**®

Mary Ann makes this pretty lattice top by twisting ¾-inch pastry strips and lining them up across pie. She places other strips diagonally, twisting them as she weaves. Lower crust is folded over pastry strips and crimped to guard juice



It's as easy as it looks to crimp this attractive edge. Here's how: Press crust between forefinger of one hand and thumb and forefinger of the other. Or press the handle of a silver knife or rubber spatula between your thumb and forefinger

Cherry-pie parade

Try these tips from young pie experts

There are more ways than one to bake a cherry pie. If you'd visit the National Cherry Pie Baking Contest as we did, you'd find 49 ways with cherry pies—and all dandy. Each year, 4-H representatives from the 48 states and Hawaii compete for the championship. Here we give cooking hints gleaned from the last event.

Mary Ann Plankenhorn, Decatur, Illinois, is the 4-H'er whose hands you see in these pictures. Above, she's cutting a wedge of a handsome pie just like the one she baked in the contest.

By Virginia Newman

Here's a dainty edge that's simple in the making. Cut petals of pastry with the center of doughnut cutter bent in shape of cherry leaf. Overlap petals around the moistened rim of lattice-topped pie, pressing each petal carefully in place to seal

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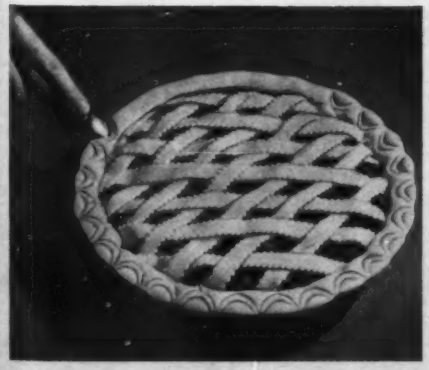
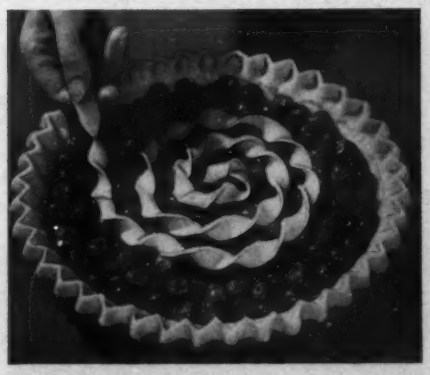


Mary Ann uses tip of teaspoon to make this fancy edge. After trimming lower crust ¾ inch beyond rim, she folds it over lattice strips, pinching edges together. Then she presses double row of half-moons along the edge with tip of a teaspoon



When in a rush, top a cherry pie with a spiral twist instead of weaving a lattice. Cut long pastry strips ¾ inch wide. Then moisten the ends and join the strips together. Twist the long pastry strip and swirl it atop the filled pie, as above

Your pie will have a beautiful, golden-brown edge if protected with aluminum foil for part of baking. Fold a 2½-inch foil strip around rim, making certain that foil covers all the crimped crust

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June-in-January Cake. Snowy white cake, made in minutes with *Betty Crocker White Cake Mix.* For a summery treat, serve with vanilla ice cream 'n strawberries from freezer.

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This is brand-new, too! It's *Betty Crocker Chocolate Malt Cake* — another exciting new cake mix flavor! It's made with honest-to-goodness malted milk. Serve with ice cream dusted with cocoa! Mmmm! Good!

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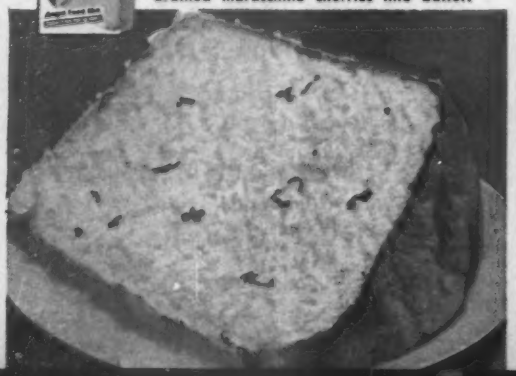
Fiesta Flaming Peach Cake. Gay and lighthearted! You start with *Betty Crocker Honey Spice Cake Mix*, so your cake will be perfect. The Cling Peaches come from California, in a can. Just let cake cool, then fill and top with the new *Betty Crocker Angel Fluff Frosting Mix* or sweetened whipped cream, and arrange drained peach halves on top. Center each with a sugar lump soaked in lemon extract. Light the sugar — and serve your cake flaming!

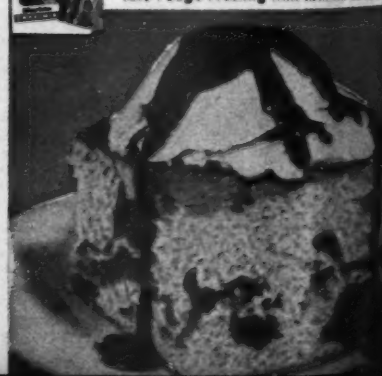
, too! It's *Betty* *t Cake* — another *vor!* It's made with *d milk.* Serve with *oal Mmmm! Good!*

Festive Angel Food. New *Betty Crocker Angel Food Cake Mix* contains the whites of 13 fine country eggs! For this pretty cake, fold ½ cup chopped, well drained maraschino cherries into batter.



Upsy-Daisy Cake. Pineapple upside-down cake, really. To make gay daisies, arrange pineapple wedges around maraschino cherries. Upside-down recipe's on *Betty Crocker Yellow Cake Mix* package.

Marble Fudge Sundae. Easy! Bake *Betty Crocker Marble Cake Mix* in oblong pan, cut squares, spoon on ice cream. *Betty Crocker Instant Chocolate Fudge Frosting Mix* makes sauce.



Master-control unit behind student drivers records reactions of students in more than 30 different driving operations. It provides an accurate record of each driver's speed, steering, use of the clutch, brake, and turn signals as the situations occur on the film

The movie sequences put the students "on the street." The films were shot from a moving automobile; record actual traffic situations. There are 19 films in the complete training series, beginning with the basic techniques and working up to the heavy-traffic situations

Ground school for student drivers

By Marjorie Wightman

THE DRIVOTRAINER is a new machine for teaching student drivers how to handle an automobile and develop proper attitudes and reflexes in realistic driving situations. It may be the answer to the teacher shortage and high cost of individual instruction. After 12 hours' ground school in the Drivotrainer, the time spent with an instructor can be cut in half

Dry-run flying—a technique long used by pilots learning to take off and land on instruments—has switched from flight school to high school with a new "classroom car" designed especially for student automobile drivers. Its name: Drivotrainer.

Today, when only one out of five high-school students can hope for "on-the-road" driving instruction, the Drivotrainer may be the answer to the schools' toughest safety-education problems: The shortage of trained teachers and the high cost of individual instruction.

Developed on the same simulator training-device principle that made the Link Trainer a byword with every pilot checked out on night and bad-weather flying, the Drivotrainer is now the first step in teaching thousands of new automobile drivers. And it teaches them more than manipulative skill. Just as important is its ability to develop proper attitudes and judgment in practical driving situations.

Future safety-education instructors are learning the same techniques at Iowa State Teachers College. There, a year-long research program is now underway to find out just how the Drivotrainer can best be used in the public-school system. The student teachers first learn how to use the Drivotrainer. Then they help teach selected groups of students from nearby high schools how to drive—using only the conventional dual-control car method. At the same time, an experimental group is put through the Drivotrainer system [*Turn to page 130*

Get through those dishes FAST!

3500 dishes a month keep getting between you and the fun! (That's how many most families use—when you include pots and pans.)

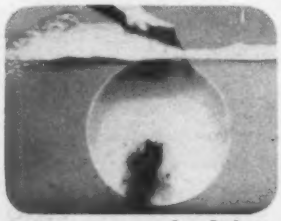
But Lux Liquid gets all 3500 sparkling clean, fast and easy. It actually *floats* grease off (*you* hardly do more than rinse and stack).

Just a teaspoonful does a dishpanful. And Lux Liquid is Lux-mild on your hands. That's the kind of *real* mildness you've looked for.

This week get Lux Liquid!

HOW LUX LIQUID CUTS UNDER GREASE AND FLOATS IT AWAY!

Thick gravy was poured on this dish and let stand for 10 minutes until it hardened



Just as soon as the dish is placed in the water Lux Liquid starts to do its work

Lux Liquid's special action cuts under the grease, lifts it up and floats it away

A quick rinse and the dish, as you can see, is beautifully and hygienically clean

LUX LIQUID IS THE NEXT BEST THING TO A DISHWASHING MACHINE

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Put that small room to work

Here's a cozy place for reading and relaxing when other members of the family are using the living room. Ceiling light gives general illumination, and a lamp behind each chair gives good reading light.

The matching plaid draperies and chairs make the color accent. Shutter-doors give privacy.

NEW STORAGE places, good lighting, a new furniture arrangement, a sofa bed, (or all four) can change a spare room into a place to be used and enjoyed full time. See how it was done in the Harvey Block home at Glencoe, Illinois

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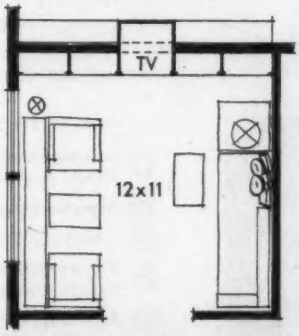

The narrow bench under the window accommodates both chairs without taking much floor space.

TV in center of built-in is visible from both chairs and couch by swinging one chair around. The ottoman can double for sitting, too.

Remove the pillows and bolster on this comfortable couch and—presto!—you have an overnight sleeping space for a guest. The built-ins along the end wall take only a foot of floor space, but provide handy storage for books, TV, records, photographs, and guest bedding.

Light, neutral tones in paneling, rug, and upholstery make room seem larger.

Your whole life is before you!

Isn't it nice to be the very age you are! Young enough to be full of plans. Old enough to take advantage of them. Wherever you look, you see a series of enchanting tomorrows, a bright, shining future. Your whole life is before you.

May we offer you one bit of advice? Don't ever settle for needless discomfort. Avoid the too-tight girdle, the shoes that rub, the slip that binds—and don't be tied to sanitary protection that puts you into a harness instead of a happy frame of mind. Millions of girls have found in Tampax internal protection the convenience, the comfort, the freedom they're looking for.

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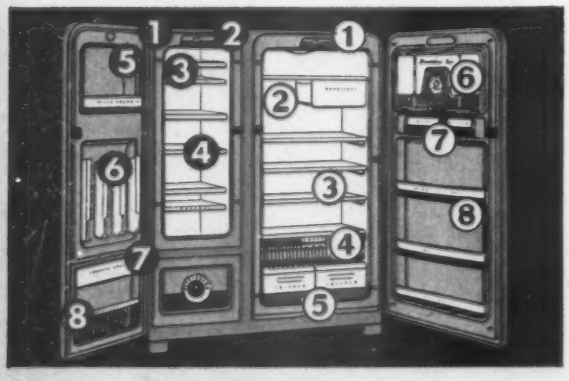
166-lb. Upright Freezer and an 11 cu. ft. Self Defrosting Refrigerator, both in a cabinet 47" wide

There's nothing else like it in the world! It's the entirely new and exclusive Kelvinator design in foodkeepers—a new concept in modern living. **Here is America's most exciting foodkeeper**—more beautiful, more glamourous for 1956! Here is new magic for your kitchen—in spaciousness, beauty and features that only Kelvinator brings you. Here are fewer shopping trips, better meals, easier meals. And—all of it can be yours at far less cost than a comparable separate refrigerator and freezer.

Read about the features below. Then, no matter the size of your family, kitchen or budget, see Fabulous Foodarama at your Kelvinator Dealer. Or write Kelvinator, Detroit 32, Mich. In Canada: Kelvinator of Canada, Ltd., Toronto 15, Ontario.



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1. **A True Home Freezer.** Separately insulated freezer stores 166 pounds.
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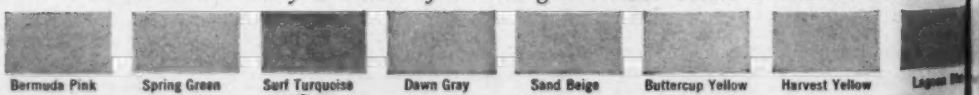

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Cherry-pie parade

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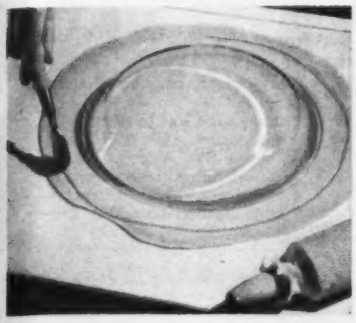
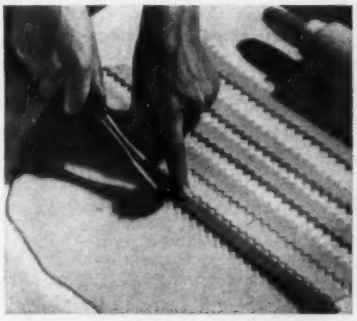


Here's how to cut a circle of pastry that's just the right size for the bottom crust.

Invert pieplate on pastry. Cut around it 1½ inches from the rim of the plate.

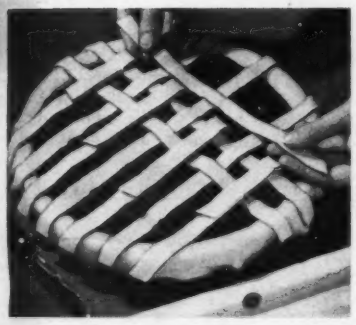
You'll need pastry extending beyond rim for crimping.



For uniform pastry strips, you can make yourself a cardboard guide. Cut a 12-inch length that's about ½ inch wide.

For a zigzag pastry edge, cut along cardboard pattern with pastry wheel.

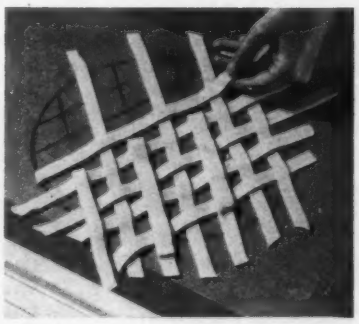
Or use a knife for pastry strips with plain, even edge.



Here's an easy way to weave a lattice top. Place lengthwise strips across pie.

Fold back alternating strips to help you weave cross-strips over and under.

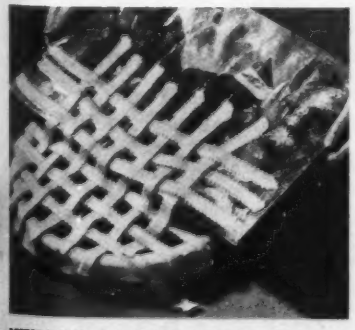
In adding cross-strips, place the first one across the center, as in the picture.



Looking for a slick trick for weaving a lattice top with even spacings?

Draw a pattern on waxed paper with dark crayon.

Turn pattern face down for weaving. Now for sleight of hand—hold lattice over pie, give waxed paper quick flip.



Too many fingers in the pie? Then weave the pastry strips on a cooky sheet sprinkled generously with sugar.

Tilt cooky sheet with lattice over far edge of pie and move cooky sheet toward you.

The lattice top slides onto the Cherry Filling quick as that—sugar acts as rollers!

More on next page

Selected treats! Menu Marvels by famous chefs!

There are more than a dozen of Sexton delicious new Menu Marvels! So easy to serve—and every meal a feast! Scores of other tasteful Sexton foods, too—from tempting relishes to flavorful soups—featured at foremost restaurants and hotels—sold by better independent grocers.

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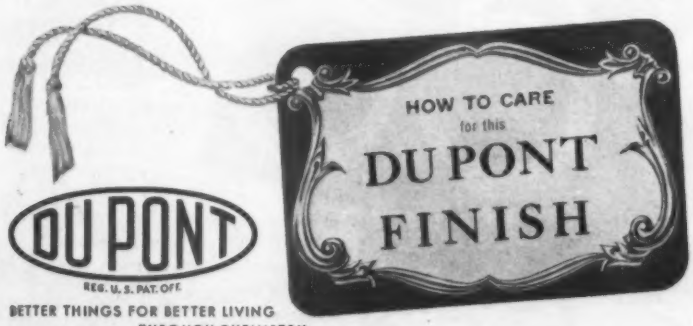

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Cherry-pie parade

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It's the little "extras" that make the difference fillingwise. Red food coloring gives a bright ruby hue.

Add a bit of almond extract for old-fashioned flavor. The butter? It's for richness, of course.

The filling can be uncooked, as this is, or precooked, top of range.

Cherry Pie *(9-inch)*

- 1¼ to 1½ cups sugar
- 5 tablespoons enriched flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon soft butter or margarine
- ½ cup cherry juice
- ¼ teaspoon red food coloring
- 8 to 10 drops almond extract
- 3 cups drained canned or frozen pitted tart red cherries
- 1 recipe Plain Pastry

Combine the sugar, flour, and salt. Stir in butter, then cherry juice, food coloring, and extract. Add cherries and let stand while you make pastry. Line 9-inch pieplate with pastry; fill with cherry mixture. Make lattice top; flute edges. Cut a 2½-inch strip of aluminum foil and fold it loosely around edge of pie. Bake in hot oven (425°) about 40 minutes, removing foil about 10 minutes before end of baking time.

Cherry Pie *(8-inch)*

- ¾ to 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- Dash salt
- 1 tablespoon soft butter or margarine
- ⅓ cup cherry juice
- ¼ teaspoon red food coloring
- 6 to 8 drops almond extract
- 2 cups drained canned or frozen pitted tart red cherries
- 1 recipe Plain Pastry

Make same as 9-inch pie.

Plain Pastry

- 2 cups sifted enriched flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ⅔ cup shortening
- 5 to 7 tablespoons cold water

Sift together flour and salt; cut in shortening with pastry-blender or blending fork till pieces are the size of small peas. Sprinkle water, a tablespoon at a time, over part of mixture. Gently toss with fork; push to one side of bowl. Sprinkle next tablespoon water over dry part; mix lightly; push to moistened part at side. Repeat till all is moistened. Gather up with fingers; form into ball. For double-crust pie, divide dough for lower and upper crust. Form each in ball. Flatten ball slightly and roll ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface. If edges split, pinch together. Always roll from center out to edge. Use light strokes. Makes enough pastry for one 8- or 9-inch lattice-top pie or one 9- or 10-inch double-crust pie.

Gelatin salads

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Double-decker Salad

A beauty—lime gelatin with cottage cheese tops shrimp held in a tomato-aspic mold—

Lime layer:

- 1 package lime-flavored gelatin
- 1½ cups hot water
- 1 12-ounce carton (1½ cups) large-curd cream-style cottage cheese, well drained
- 1½ teaspoons chopped onion
- 1½ teaspoons lemon juice or vinegar
- 2 tablespoons horse-radish
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Chill until partially set. Beat until light. Stir in remaining ingredients; pour into 1½-quart mold or 8½x4½x 2½-inch loaf pan. Chill until set. Now start shrimp layer.

Shrimp layer:

- 1 1-pound can (2 cups) tomatoes
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped celery leaves
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 whole clove
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatin
- 3 tablespoons cold water
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- 1 cup cleaned cooked or canned shrimp

Combine tomatoes, onion, celery leaves, bay leaf, clove, sugar, and salt. Simmer 5 minutes. Strain. Soften gelatin in cold water; dissolve in hot tomato mixture. Add lemon juice. Chill till partially set. Dip shrimp in gelatin mixture and arrange against side of mold over firmly set lime layer; chill till set. Pour in remaining gelatin mixture. Chill until firm. Unmold on salad greens. Garnish with additional cooked shrimp and deviled eggs if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Golden Apricot Molds

Spicy accompaniment for baked ham, or serve as a dessert—

- 1 No. 2½ can (3½ cups) peeled apricot halves
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves
- 4 inches stick cinnamon
- 1 package orange-flavored gelatin

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Gelatin salads

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Drain syrup from apricots, and to the syrup add vinegar and spices. Bring to boiling. Add apricots and simmer 10 minutes. Remove apricots and place in individual molds. Strain syrup mixture and measure; add enough hot water to make 2 cups. Pour over gelatin and stir till dissolved. Pour gelatin mixture over apricots; chill till firm. If desired, turn out on slices of canned jellied cranberry sauce atop lettuce. Serve with mayonnaise or Sour-cream Dressing. Makes 8 servings.

Sour-cream Dressing

Delightful with fruit salads—and so pretty and easy!—

1 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons white vinegar
1 to 2 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon salt

Stir together sour cream and vinegar. Add sugar and salt to taste. If desired, sprinkle with grated orange peel.

Grapefruit-Cheese Squares

Refreshing color and flavor. It's one of our top favorites—

2 1-pound cans (4 cups) grapefruit segments
2 packages lemon-flavored gelatin
1 8-ounce package cream cheese
2 tablespoons milk
½ cup chopped California walnuts
Maraschino cherries

Drain grapefruit and add enough water to the syrup to make 3½ cups. Heat *half* of the syrup mixture to boiling; add to gelatin and stir until dissolved. Add remaining syrup mixture; cool. Reserve best grapefruit segments (about half) for top layer; arrange remaining in bottom of 9x9x2-inch pan. Carefully pour *half* of the gelatin mixture over grapefruit in pan; chill until firm. Soften cream cheese; add milk and nuts. Spread over gelatin layer; chill. Meanwhile chill remaining gelatin mixture till partially set. Arrange reserved grapefruit on top of cheese; garnish with cherries and carefully pour remaining gelatin mixture over top. Chill until set. Cut in squares and serve on greens. Makes 9 to 12 servings.

Tomato-aspic Ring

Wonderful stand-by to set off chicken or seafood salad

4 cups tomato juice
⅓ cup chopped onion
¼ cup chopped celery leaves
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 small bay leaves
4 whole cloves

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2 tablespoons (2 envelopes) unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
3 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned

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1 cup finely diced celery

Combine tomato juice, onion, celery leaves, sugar, salt, bay leaves, cloves. Simmer 5 minutes. Strain. Soften gelatin in cold water; dissolve in hot tomato mixture. Add lemon juice. Chill till partially set. Add celery. Pour into 5- or 6-cup ring mold. Chill till set. Unmold. Fill center with Curried Chicken Salad. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Curried Chicken Salad

Just enough curry for subtle spice. Come summer, fill tomato cups with this distinctive salad—

1½ cups cooked rice
¼ cup minced onion
1 teaspoon curry powder
2 tablespoons salad oil
1 tablespoon vinegar

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2 cups chilled diced cooked or canned chicken
1 cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped green pepper
¾ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper

Mix together the rice, onion, curry powder, salad oil, and vinegar; chill thoroughly. Just before serving add remaining ingredients; toss lightly. Serve in center of Tomato-aspic Ring. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Polka-dot Cups

Bing cherries and cream-cheese balls in sparkling red gelatin—

2 1-pound cans (4 cups) pitted Bing cherries
⅓ cup lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
1 package orange-flavored gelatin
¾ cup broken pecans
⅔ cup sliced stuffed green olives
1 3-ounce package cream cheese

Drain cherries; add enough cherry syrup to lemon juice to make 1¾ cups liquid. Heat; pour over gelatin and stir till dissolved. Chill till partially set. Add cherries, nuts, and olives. Shape cream cheese in marble-size balls; add to gelatin. Spoon into individual molds or shallow pan. Chill till set. If desired, unmold on canned pineapple slices. Serve with mayonnaise. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Perfection Salad

When you're entertaining the crowd, double the recipe and make twin loaves as we did for our picture—

2 tablespoons (2 envelopes) unflavored gelatin
½ cup cold water
2 cups hot water
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup vinegar
2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
1½ cups finely shredded cabbage
1 cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped pimiento
½ cup chopped green pepper

Soften gelatin in cold water. Dissolve in hot water. Add sugar and salt; stir until dissolved. Add vinegar and lemon juice. Cool. When mixture begins to thicken, add remaining ingredients. Pour into 8½x4½x2½-inch loaf pan. Chill until set. Unmold on lettuce. Garnish with ripe olive halves, if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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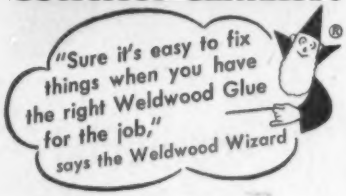

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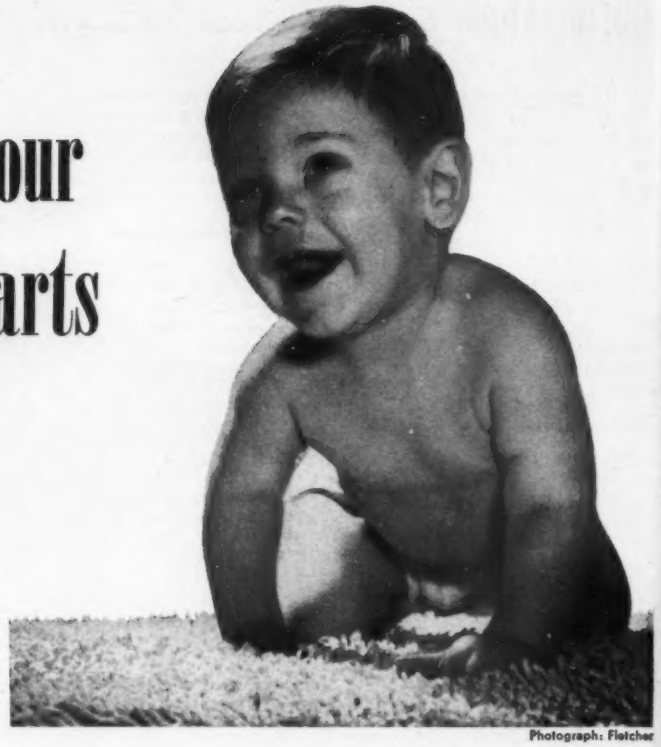
When your baby starts to talk



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By Ann Usher

Don't worry if he mispronounces or repeats words or parts of words. Just keep talking to him a lot and be sure you and others around him speak correctly and simply. Sing to him, too, and repeat rhymes

It's a delight to his family when the baby speaks his first intelligible word. And it should be. It is evidence of his intellect, his memory, and his attentiveness.

But long before his solemn pronouncement, "bowwow," or "car," or "more," or whatever his choice may be, he has been learning to speak. And you have been helping him. Now, for a long time after his first recognizable word, he will continue to learn—from you and everyone around him.

Immediately after his birth, he discovered he could make a noise. During his first month, he developed two or three different voice pitches, which resembled the various vowel sounds.

By the end of the first month, you were able to tell by his crying whether he was hungry, angry, frightened, or in pain.

From 2 months on, he experimented with his voice. He discovered that by tensing or relaxing his vocal cords, and shaping his tongue and lips in different positions, he could make different sounds.

By chance, a combination of voice pitch and tongue and lip position would produce a sound which to you seemed to have meaning. Perhaps it was "dada" or "m-m-ma."

It's easy to take these accidental sounds for first "words." Usually they aren't. He has discovered, though, how to form the "d" and "m" consonants and combine them with a vowel sound.

Bubbling, gurgling, cooing are all part of learning to talk.

At the same time, your baby is detecting differences in the tone of your voice. He can tell whether it's cross, comforting, or approving.

At 6 months, a baby babbles sociably, and surprises you with inflections and intonations that resemble grownup's speech—even to the rising inflection of a question. About this time, he begins to understand and recognize some of the words you say to him.

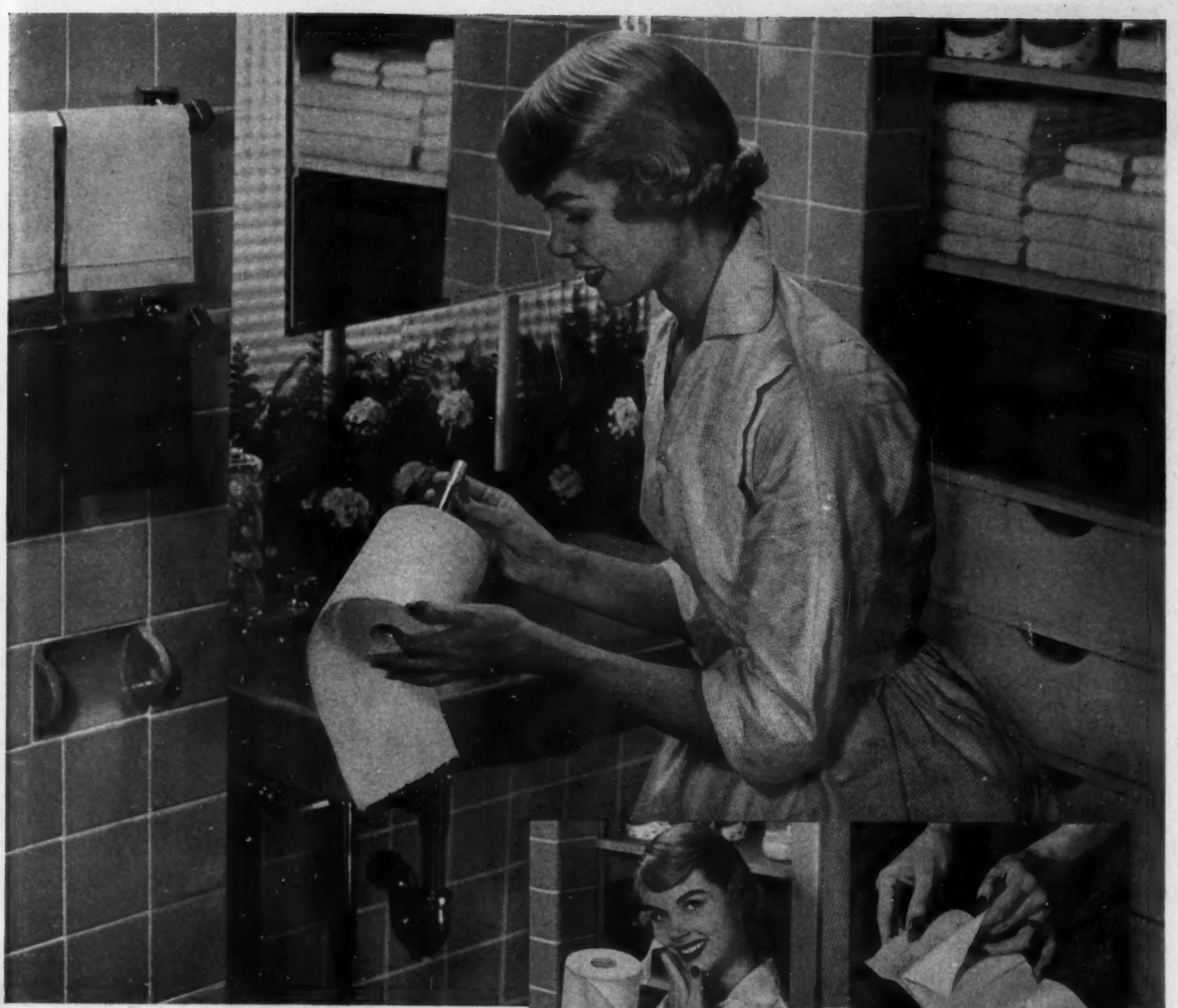
By a year, he understands a good many words, even though he can't say them. This knowledge is called his "passive vocabulary." It will always be greater than his active vocabulary, even when he grows up. Through reading and listening, all of us *understand* more words than we use.

Because of the passive vocabulary that your baby is developing, it's important that you talk a lot to him—and pronounce words correctly.

By 11 or 12 months, he will probably say a real word and show you that he knows what it means.

Sometimes his first word may go unnoticed for a while because it doesn't sound like the word he is trying to imitate. But, after he has used a certain sound several times to indicate a certain thing, you catch on.

Because babyish mispronunciations are so appealing, you'll be tempted to repeat them back to your youngster. But it definitely doesn't help when you speak [*Turn to page 148*



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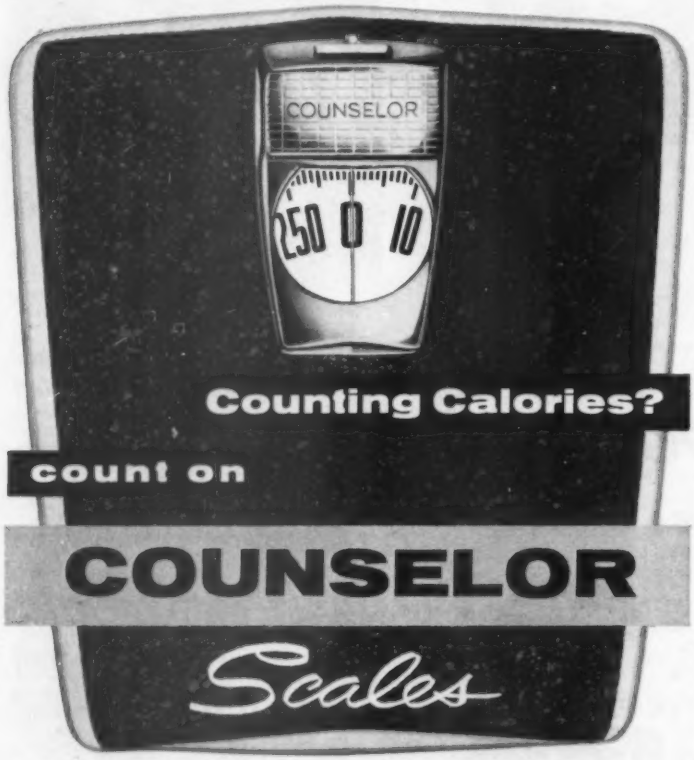

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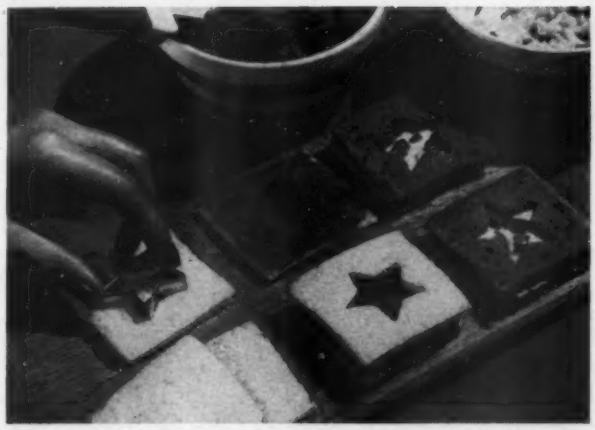

Sandwiches go fancy **when you make a small star cutout in the top slice. For dainty ones, use thin slices cut in 2-inch squares, and tiny cutters to form design. Spread the bread (rye, white, whole-wheat, or combination) with pimiento-olive cheese or other colorful filling**

Little party cakes **are this easy. Cut out circles of white cake (use a 20-ounce package of mix) baked in greased 15½x10½x1-inch jelly-roll pan. Stack as double-deckers with chocolate pudding (from a package) as filling. Top with whipped cream and chocolate polka dots**

Gelatin salads **for a crowd are a snap when you chill mixture in a rectangular baking dish, then make individual salads by cutting out shapes with a cooky cutter. Here, we show strawberry gelatin for a valentine heart. Place each cutout on a pineapple slice as frame**

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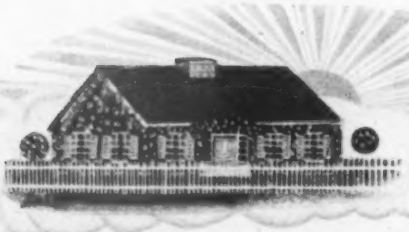

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Cooky-cutter cutups

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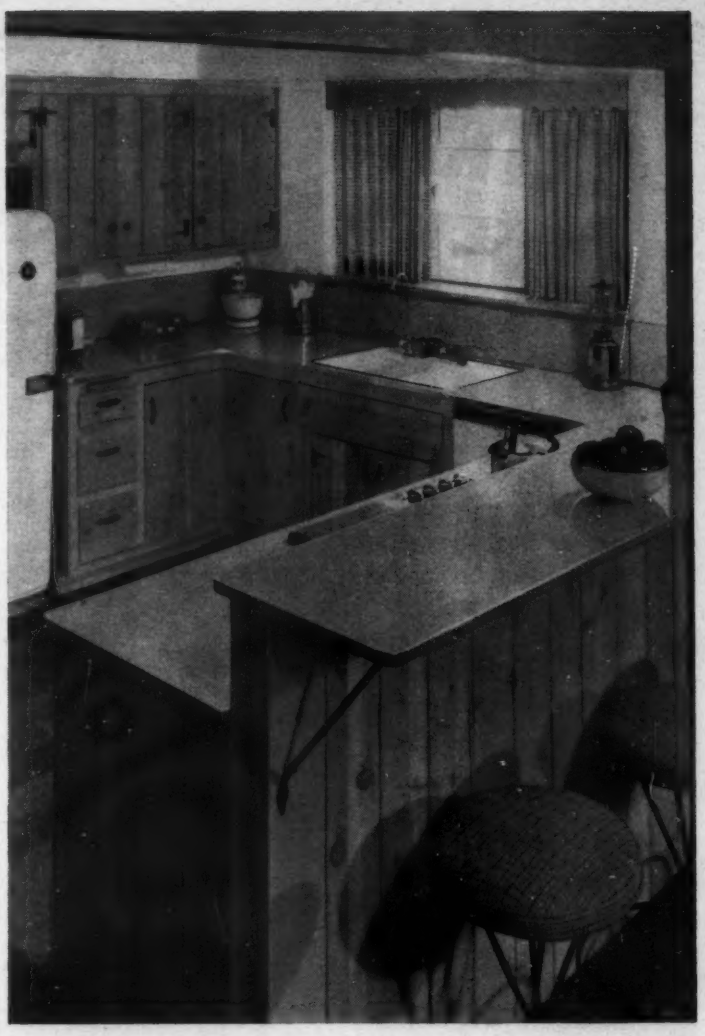
Nibble treats **from leftover pastry. To delight the kiddies, cut the dough in clever shapes with a cutter. In the picture, the pastry "gingerbread" men on the run are dusted with sugar and cinnamon; the pretty scalloped rounds boast a sweet center of cherry preserves**

Apple pie, **so delicious teamed with cheese, is even more appetizing when trimmed with cutouts fron. slices of American cheese. Keep the design simple. We used a leaf cutter for this one. Arrange the cheese cutouts—one to mark each serving—in attractive array on your pie**

Big secret **in getting the most rolled cookies with the fewest re-rolls is to start cutting the dough at the edge and work toward the center**



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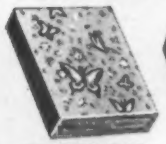

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again till mixture mounds when spooned (20 to 30 minutes). Pile into cooled baked pastry shell. Garnish with whipped cream and cranberry sauce, if desired.

Orange-fluff Charlotte

2 tablespoons (2 envelopes) unflavored gelatin
½ cup cold water
¾ cup hot water
1½ cups sugar
1 6-ounce can frozen orange-juice concentrate
1 cup cold water
⅓ cup lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
2 unbeaten egg whites
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Soften gelatin in ½ cup cold water; dissolve in hot water. Combine sugar, orange-juice concentrate, 1 cup water, and the lemon juice; *gradually* stir in gelatin mixture. Stir in egg whites. Chill till partially set. Beat mixture till fluffy and soft peaks form. Fold in the whipped cream. Pour into 2-quart mold; chill till set. Unmold. If desired, garnish with additional whipped cream and toasted almonds. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Creamy Apricot Dessert

1 package instant vanilla pudding
1 12-ounce can (1½ cups) apricot nectar
⅓ cup chopped California walnuts
½ cup heavy cream, whipped

Add pudding to nectar; beat with rotary beater 1 minute, or till smooth. Fold in nuts and about ¾ of the whipped cream. Spoon into sherbet glasses. If desired, tuck in 3 vanilla wafers around edge of each sherbet. Chill. Garnish with remaining whipped cream and additional nuts, if desired. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Lemon-Prune Diamonds

Topped with ice cream, it's an old-fashioned dessert; served plain, it's a moist bar cooky—

¾ cup granulated sugar
¼ cup enriched flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 6-ounce can frozen lemonade concentrate
¼ cup water
1½ cups chopped pitted prunes
½ cup chopped California walnuts

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2¼ cups quick-cooking rolled oats
¾ cup sifted enriched flour
¾ cup brown sugar
¾ teaspoon salt
¾ cup butter or margarine

Combine granulated sugar, ¼ cup flour, and ¼ teaspoon salt; blend in lemonade concentrate and water. Add prunes. Bring to boiling and cook, stirring constantly, till thick (3 to 5 minutes). Add nuts. Cool. In separate bowl, combine remaining dry ingredients; cut in butter till crumbly. Pat half of oatmeal mixture in ungreased 13x9x2-inch pan. Spread with prune filling. Cover with remaining oatmeal mixture; pat smooth. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 to 35 minutes. Cool and cut in diamonds. Makes 18.

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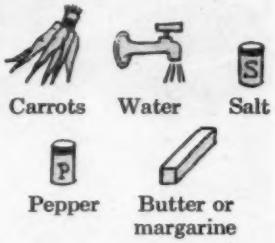
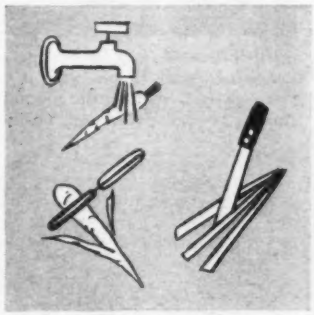


Take out:

Vegetable parer, paring knife, covered saucepan, fork



1 Wash carrots. Pare them with a vegetable parer. Ask Mother to show you how to use it. Cut carrots into long strips with a paring knife

2 Put 1 inch cold water in a saucepan. Add salt till water tastes pleasantly salty. Bring to boil. Add carrots; cover. Cook about 15 minutes

3 Test carrots for tenderness with a fork. Drain, then put in serving bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Last, add a pat of butter

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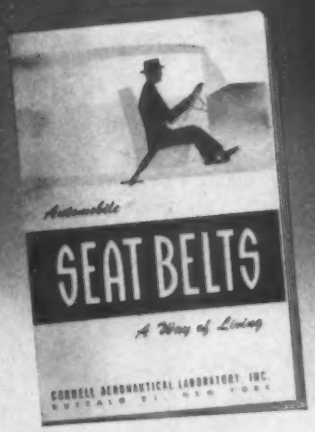

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Ground school for student drivers

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The controls and instruments on the Drivotrainer cars match those of standard automobiles. An electric motor simulates the hum of a car engine. The clutch operates under pressure—it "takes hold" when the gears are engaged, or stalls the engine if suddenly released

first. The student groups are carefully matched according to sex, intelligence, and driving experience. Then the results are tabulated. The final answer—as effective as a well-trained research and teaching staff can make it—will soon be known.

Is the Drivotrainer effective in reducing on-the-road-time needed by student drivers before they can pass their state licensing test? Evidence gathered so far points to a 50-percent cut. In other words, 6 hours with an instructor in a dual-control car could be reduced to 3 hours—after 12 hours' ground school in the Drivotrainer program.

The Drivotrainer is most effective and economical when used as a multiplace installation. The manufacturer, Automagraph Company, Inc., of Union, New Jersey, will sell any number of the "classroom cars" to school systems, chambers of commerce, adult-education groups, commercial driving schools, police departments, or other groups interested in safety education.

The recorder with 16-millimeter movie projector, continuous film feeder, and 1,000 score sheets sells

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Based on a 20-period course and a 6-period day, a 5-car Drivotrainer unit can accommodate 270 students; a 10-car unit, 540 students; a 15-car unit, 810 students. The Drivotrainer can also be used at night to upgrade mature drivers as a part of the school's adult-education program.

Local insurance agents' associations have bought Drivotrainer units for city use in Dearborn, Michigan, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The first complete classroom setup exported from New Jersey is now in use in Stockholm, Sweden. Commercial driving schools in Freeport, New York, and Springfield, Massachusetts, are now training their students via the dry-run system.

High-school students in Brooklyn, New York; Oak Park, Illinois; Waterloo, Iowa; and Hollywood, California, are stripping their first gears without taking the schools' dual-control trainers out of the parking lot. Or the family car out of the driveway. They're learning to turn corners, start on hills, and maneuver through traffic without putting their driver-education teacher in a dither. And the only mirrors involved are used for parallel parking.

Like the Link Trainer, the new Drivotrainer was designed to simulate reality to the extent that part, but not all, the teaching can be done on a training device at lower cost and with less risk than in a real automobile. A complete classroom unit has 5 to 15 "cars" equipped with all standard controls except four wheels and a gasoline motor, a control unit which records every move in every trainer through a switchboard-type network of electronic wires, and a series of 19 motion pictures ranging from basic clutch techniques to fast-moving emergency situations.

Controls and instruments on the "classroom cars" match those of standard automobiles. Besides the steering wheel, a gear-shift lever, clutch and brake pedals, and accelerator, the cars have a speedometer, left-right turn indicator, high-low beam light switch, ignition key and starter switch, and even an adjustable driver's seat. Under the hoods, these "cars" have a nest of electromechanical devices engineered to duplicate the operation of controls on real automobiles.

Simulating the hum of a car engine, an electric motor whirrs as the student presses the starter button. The more he steps on the gas pedal, the louder the whir. As in standard cars, there's a drag on the gear-shift lever until it reaches the proper position and falls naturally into place.

The clutch pedal operates under pressure, even to the point where the driver can feel it "take hold" as the gears engage. And when the clutch is let up too fast, the engine "stalls" forcing the student to start again just as in normal driving.

Speed indicated on the standard-type speedometer is keyed to the accelerator so student drivers can learn the correct speed for shifting gears and for varied road conditions. Lights on the speedometer flash the operation of turn indicator and light-beam switches. In steering, increasing pressure is built up as the wheel is turned to the maximum of 1½ revolutions and, once released, the wheel centers itself. The student's proficiency is measured by the degree he turns the wheel in response to the direction of the "road" on the motion-picture screen.

Backing in the Drivotrainer cars is done in a manner as unique as it is real. The student turns and looks over his right shoulder into a mirror positioned so he can see the "road" on the screen in front of the classroom. He then "backs" according to what appears in the mirror, seeing what would be seen through the rear window of a standard car.

At the master-control units in the rear of the classroom, the scoring mechanism automatically records the way each student uses the controls in more than 30 different driving operations. It measures reaction time with split-second accuracy, and can check for the completion of as many as four different operations in only two seconds.

The Drivotrainer's scoring mechanism measures more than the students' use of individual controls. The instructor can also check for closely coordinated actions like the proper seesaw movement of clutch and accelerator in smooth starting. When starting on hills, he can test still a third element—the student's ability to release the emergency brake at the right moment. In drilling for emergency situations, the student's ability to hit the brake and steer properly at the same time are recorded on the score card.

Twenty-two different operations must be completed to turn a car around in a driveway, and 15 are involved in making a right turn at a traffic light where the driver has to slow down for a pedestrian crossing the street. Passing the car ahead safely takes 12 correlated steps. In each of these everyday driving episodes, students can be checked for completing all the operations properly.

But, it takes more than manipulative skill to make a safe driver. Accident-cause research—long one of the pet projects of educators and insurance companies—points a

student drivers

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long finger to the importance of judgment and attitude. According to the National Safety Council, 9 of every 10 accidents are caused by human failure. Perhaps that one second—in which an accident could have been avoided—passed because a driver just didn't know how to react.

Fire and lifeboat drills are built on the need for a spontaneous and immediate reaction. The natural reaction is often the wrong one. The Drivotrainer helps build this same reflex for safety in the student driver. What can a driver do when an accident is just about to happen? Safety-education teachers can't stage "accidents" for the student's benefit. But, they can instill reactions through the emergency-packed films.

A student in a Drivotrainer will be driving along behind a high-school girl in a convertible (who is on the screen). The girl will see a friend across the street. Without warning, she will pull up, stop her car, and get out the driver's side to greet her friend. Then she will will look out of the screen at the student driver (in his Drivotrainer) bearing down on her . . . and freeze in fright. The student must then react as if in a real situation. He must, in fact, have been "driving" the situation correctly right along. Otherwise the tape on his instructor's desk will record an accident. It will show that the student had not been traveling the screen road far enough behind the girl's car at the proper speed.

The final film in the 2½-hour series is a grueling 27-minute road test.

The first 15-place Drivotrainer began operation in the Brooklyn High School of Automotive Trades in February, 1953. It was moved to Bryant High School in Brooklyn in 1954, so girls as well as boys could be included in the program. Since then, the training films have been revised and many new teaching techniques developed. And more are on the way, according to Bert Woodcock, head of the Iowa State Teachers College safety-education program which has trained more driver-education teachers than any college in the country.

"I've been teaching safety education for 10 years and this Drivotrainer is the best teaching aid we've ever run across. So many of the fine points of driving are brought out systematically that it makes our teaching much more thorough."

First in the country to buy a Drivotrainer unit, Oak Park River Forest High School, in Illinois, has taken still another step beyond the usual driver training program. Parents are now on the schedule as instructors in how to handle the family car.

Thoroughly briefed on the Drivotrainer, each parent is given a "log" on which the school instructor regularly enters the lesson for the week. Parents add pertinent information as to what occurs during actual driving time.

"We have a particular reason for correlating instruction in the family car with classroom instruction on the Drivotrainer," Eugene Youngert, school superintendent says. "There are many transmission differences in cars today. These differences cannot all possibly be explained in class, and appropriate practice be given to them. We believe that gear shifting must be taught, but many families today own automatic-shift cars. And there will be some operating differences in all cars, whether because of make, type, or age. This is where the family takes over during the course, preparing the young people to drive not just any car skillfully, but precisely the car the student is most likely to use immediately."

A school using dual-control cars only in giving a 40-period, on-the-road course to 800 students a year would need seven full-time and one part-time teachers. The total cost (including teaching salaries) would be $40,000. By blending Drivotrainer with dual-control training, four full-time and one part-time teachers could give three hours of dual-control instruction to the same number of students at a cost of only $24,856 a year.

The students would receive 20 periods of instruction in the Drivotrainer cars, 13½ periods as observers in the dual-control car, and 4½ periods at the wheel of the dual-control car—a total of 38 periods. Under this plan, the students would actually participate in driving exercises for 24½ periods—more than double the amount of time in a 40-period, dual-control course. When riding 4 in a car, each student drives only one-fourth the time, or 10 periods.

How do you get a Drivotrainer unit into your high school? An appropriation by the state legislature earmarked for driver education is one answer. California did it with the Stanley Driver Training law passed in 1953. The state reimburses California schools for 75 percent of the cost of behind-the-wheel training up to $30 per pupil. The Los Angeles schools have already blueprinted a plan for training 18,000 student drivers by 1960 with the Drivotrainer playing a major role.

Another answer may be a fund-raising campaign by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Parent-Teachers Association, or civic clubs. Insurance agents associations have already bought units for several major cities.

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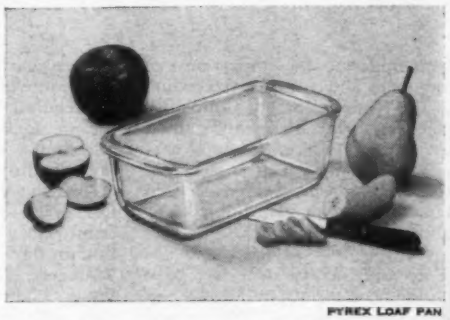

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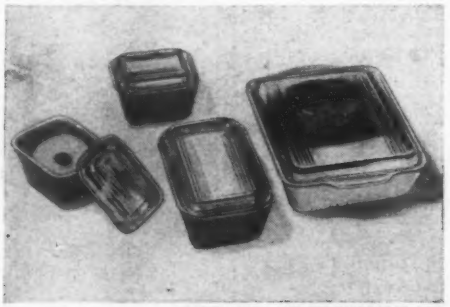

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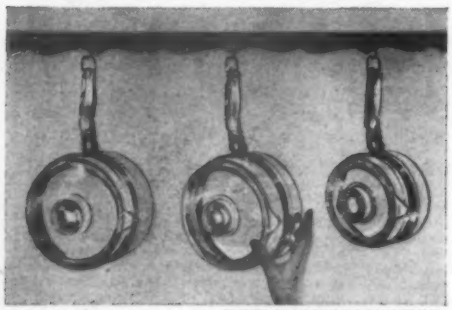

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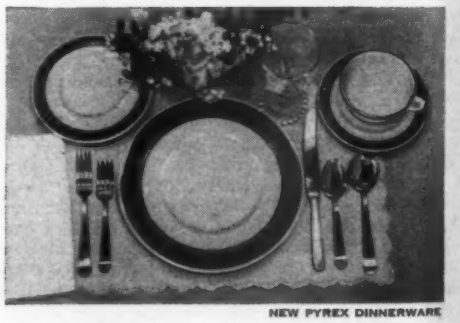

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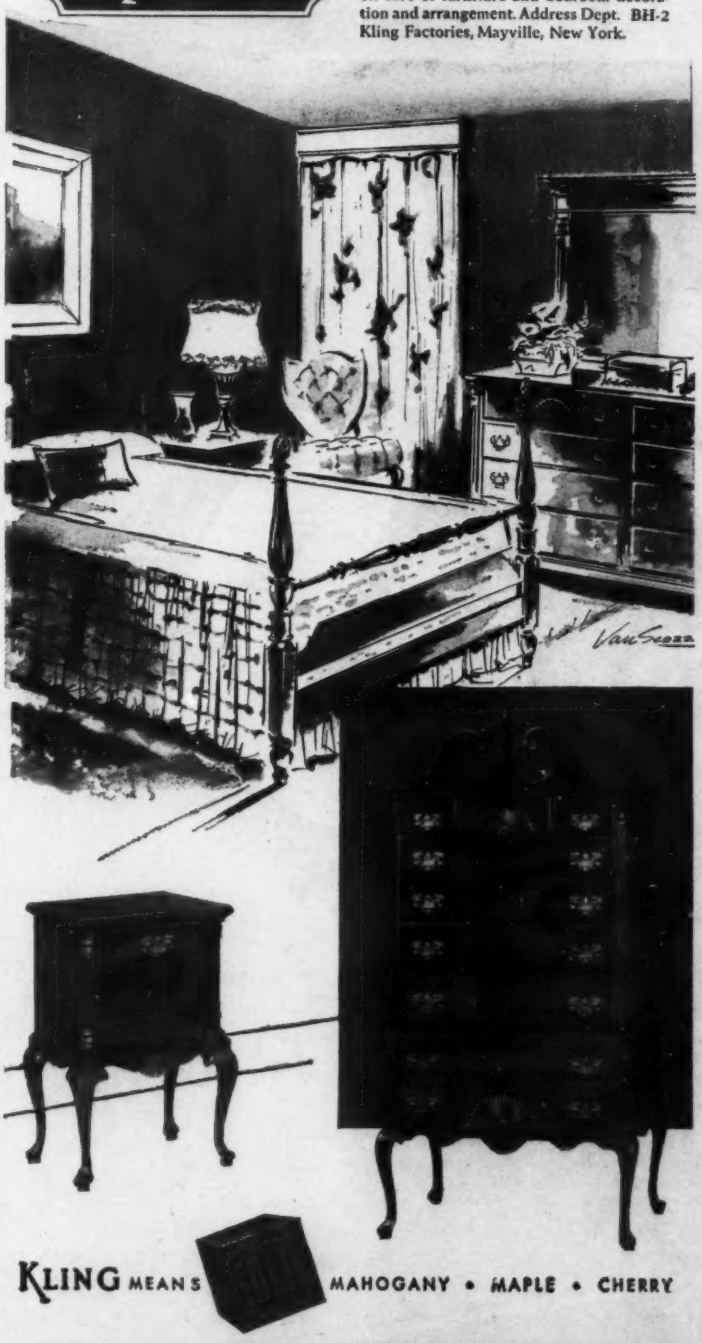

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Do you know how to stay alive?

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Sharp axes are always dangerous to keep around the house so, in the interests of safety, always use one with a dull edge.

False. According to a Boy Scout manual, an axe is less dangerous if it is sharp. This may seem odd to you, but it's true. If you are cutting wood with a sharp axe, the job is easily done; but if the axe is dull, it will take many more blows to cut through one piece. Soon your muscles become tired, your fingers ache and lose their strength, your grip loosens on the handle, and the axe strikes the wood a glancing blow and skids into your shoe or through your stocking, making an ugly wound.

To avoid being trapped by flames while sleeping, you should always leave your bedroom door wide open.

False. According to experts of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, this misapprehension is responsible for hundreds of fatalities in the United States every year.

Most dwelling-fire deaths occur *upstairs* from *downstairs* fires, simply because heat rises. When a fire gets under way, super-heated air and combustion gases, ranging from 800 to 1,000 degrees in temperature, quickly flood the upper hall of a house. These lethal gases enter via open bedroom doors and asphyxiate the sleeping occupants before they are fully aroused.

"Go to sleep with the windows open, the bedroom door closed," warn the fire experts. "And never, never leave the transom of your hotel door open!"

The best way to save a drowning person is to jump in the water after him and pull him out

False. "In attempting to rescue a drowning man," warns the Red Cross, "try to avoid plunging in yourself. Throw a life preserver, extend an oar for the victim to grab, or even hold out your pants belt. Go in yourself only as a last resort. Hundreds drown every year when the panic-stricken victim obtains a strangle hold around his would-be rescuer's neck."

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No ammunition can explode unless it is fired by a gun, so it is safe to keep old shells and cartridges around the house.

False. "This is a deadly delusion!" warns the War Trophy Safety Committee. Certain chemicals in a souvenir or cartridge can deteriorate and explode in response to a slight shock. The newspapers recently reported the death of a veteran when a shell which he had been using for a paperweight on his desk suddenly went off, penetrating his brain. If you have any such souvenirs around the house, see to it that they are deactivated at once.

It's safe to handle high-voltage wires if you wear rubber gloves for insulation.

False. "Dozens of people execute themselves every year because of a naive belief that they can use ordinary rubber gloves to argue with a high-tension wire or a television cable," says William S. Brown, safety director of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York. "Sure, rubber gloves may be safe when dealing with 110-volt wires around the house . . . if the floor isn't wet. But gloves offer no insulation against the 4,400 to 10,000 volts surging through high-tension wires. When you have a high-voltage problem, let it wait for the electrical maintenance man."

According to the accident obituaries, the worst thing that can happen to a swimmer is for him to suffer cramps while in the water.

False. "Panic, based on the fallacious belief that cramps incurred while swimming are fatal, is responsible for scores of drownings every year," says Fred C. Mills, the Boy Scouts' former safety expert. "Cramps are no fun. They're painful, true; but always remember they're not serious unless a swimmer gets scared."

"If you get one in the calf of your leg, pinch it between your thumb and fingers. If it's in your toes, squeeze with both hands. If stomach cramps attack you, stretch out as far as you can and swim a breast stroke or backstroke to shore. But you must not give up and swim madly because you think you're a guest for Davy Jones' locker."

It's not appendicitis unless you have any of the following symptoms: nausea, pain or tenderness in the lower right-hand quarter of the abdomen.

False. Some 5,000 Americans die every year from appendicitis. Many of these fatalities occur from faulty self-diagnosis, according to Dr. Frederick F. Boyce, author of the book, *Acute Appendicitis and Its Complications*. "Too many people think they do not have appendicitis if they do not have any of the familiar symptoms," says Dr. Boyce. "Pain may be felt anywhere in the abdomen . . . and even up in the right shoulder."

If, as the result of an accident, one of your legs or arms begins to bleed profusely, the safest way to staunch the flow is to apply a tourniquet.

False. "Beware the tourniquet!" says the American Red Cross. "Too many people do not realize that a tourniquet shuts off the blood supply; and if it's left on for more than 15 minutes, gangrene may set in. Then amputation may be necessary."

Tourniquets have so frequently been forgotten or hidden under bandages, with disastrous results, that all safety authorities now discourage their use. "More people have been lost from a tourniquet applied poorly or left on too long than from not having one applied," reports the A.M.A. "Pressure on the spot will stop almost any bleeding. The most severe bleeding can often be arrested by a large compress . . . a handkerchief or a piece of shirt . . . held firmly in place until the blood clots and the wound can be dressed. But never exert pressure on a head wound. You may force pieces of a fractured skull into the brain."

If caught in a blizzard, the best way to survive is to keep moving.

False. Every winter dozens of hunters, sportsmen, and vacationers die of exhaustion and exposure because of the belief, fostered in novels and movies, that to survive "you must keep moving."

Says the great explorer, Vilhjalmur Stefanson, in his book, *Arctic Manual*, "Don't keep moving . . . keep still. Sleep as much as you can because it saves energy and passes time. Don't pinch and punch yourself to keep conscious. By forcing yourself to keep awake, you use up energy that is needed to keep you warm. Through exercise and through panic, your sweat glands

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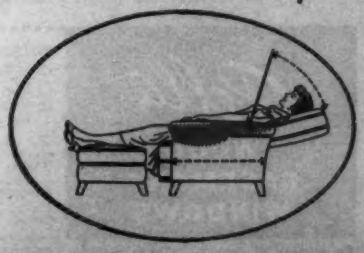

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Small maple desk in dining room is convenient for household accounting and personal correspondence. Tiny copy of apothecary chest, standing next to desk, has a hinged front and holds telephone book and household papers. Black iron hooks on wall are convenient for coats. The door here is to the small bathroom

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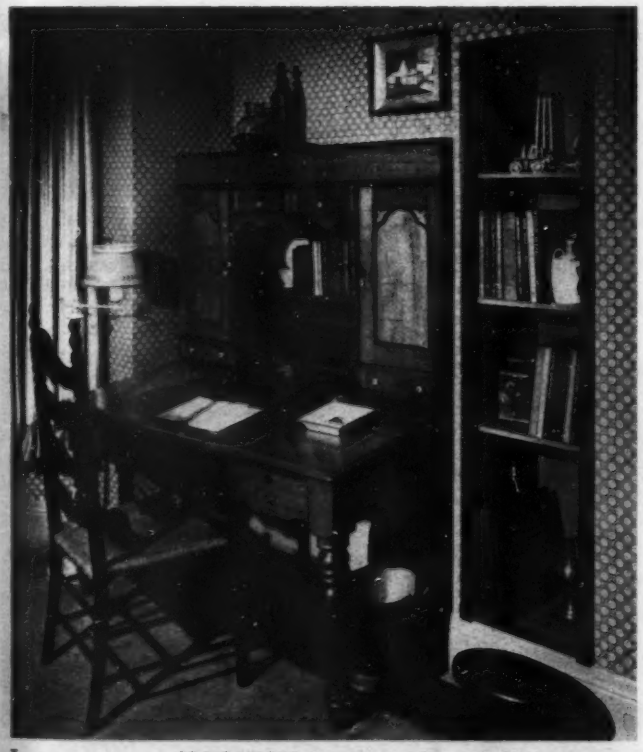
In study/guest room, comfortable grouping is built around a wing chair which is slipcovered with a bright pictorial print combining room's colors. A magazine rack on a nearby wall keeps them close at hand, but out of way. The old Victorian chest serves as a table as well as a storage unit for radio, phonograph, record albums



In same room, an old ledger desk is roomy and practical—just right for this informal setting. The arrangement on top of the chest is interesting, with three glass bottles and a ladle at one end balanced by the old, framed still-life on the other side. This adds height making grouping in proportion to built-in bookshelves

Notes on a "night out"

Called cleaner's about dress.

Lined up baby-sitter by telephone.

Telephoned for appointment at hairdresser's.

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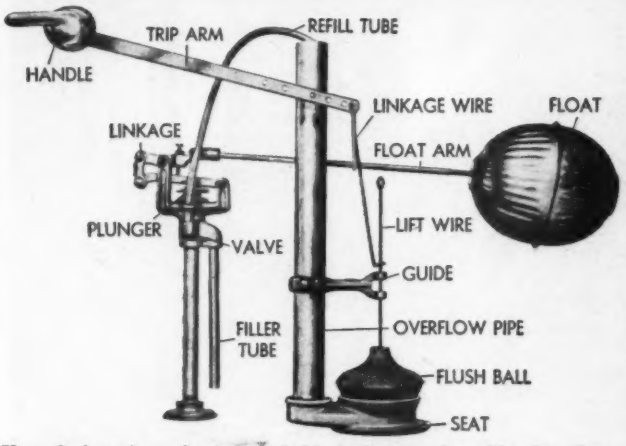
Flush-tank repairs you can make

By Walter Ian Fischman

One of the most common and exasperating household problems is a faulty flush (toilet) tank. Either it won't flush, or the water continues to run, or it takes hours of jiggling the handle to quiet the flushing action. These problems are easy for you to correct. It's a matter of tracing the symptom to one of these causes:

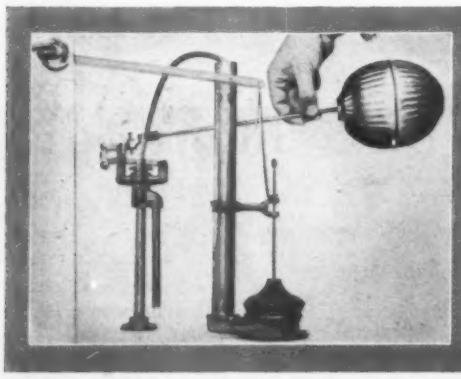
A Tank fills, but water still runs.
B Tank doesn't fill, but water runs.
C Handle must be held down constantly, or the tank doesn't flush.

Check off your problem and follow these step-by-step photographs to solve it.

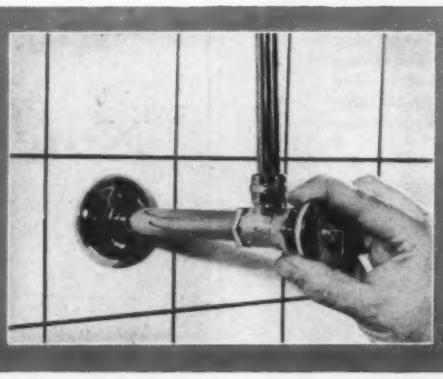


Your flush-tank mechanism probably looks something like this. Some parts may differ, but the function and repair methods are similar

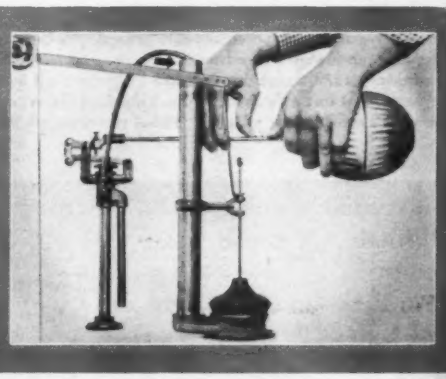
PROBLEM A: "*Faulty*" *float rod is easy to repair*



1 Lift cover off flush tank and pull upward on float rod. You don't have to yank—just pull it gently. If the water shuts off, the repair consists of adjusting float position. Try this first before you attempt to change the float or replace rod. It may save you time



2 Shut off valve that feeds water into tank. You'll find it under the tank or close by. If not, you may have to use valve in basement and cut off water to entire house. Flush toilet to empty tank. Make rest of the repairs shown here with the water off



3 To adjust float position, grasp float rod with both hands and slowly bend it until float is about half-inch lower. Then turn on water and flush tank. This adjustment governs flow of water; it should fill tank half-inch below overflow pipe as indicated by arrow

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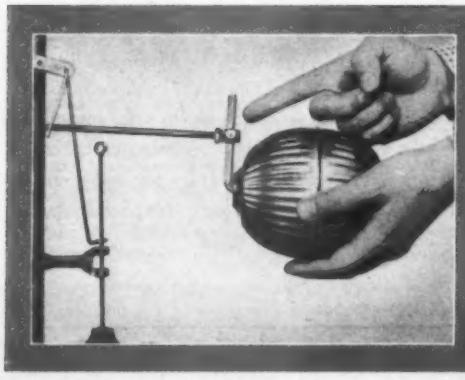
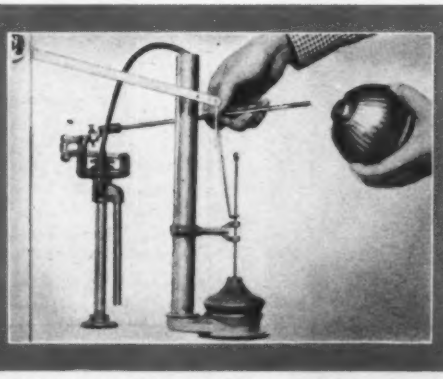
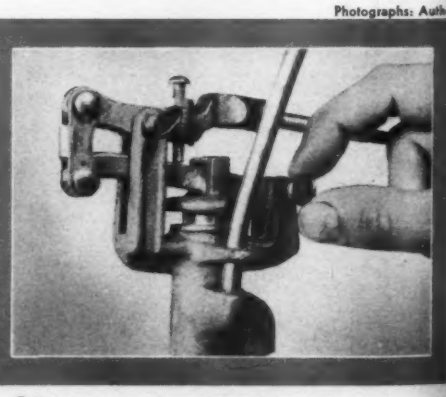


4 Metal collar you can buy at plumbing supply houses permits easier and more accurate adjustment of water level in tank. To position float, loosen set-screw and slide collar up or down until water shuts off at right level (½ inch at top) on overflow pipe



5 Only half of float should be covered by water. If it's submerged more than this, it may be leaking and should be replaced. To remove it, hold the float rod firmly in one hand and unscrew float. Replace float if it has water inside. Don't repair it



6 Washers may be worn in inlet valve if the water doesn't shut off when you pull upward on the float rod. To replace the washers, remove the two pivot screws that hold the float arm onto the small valve

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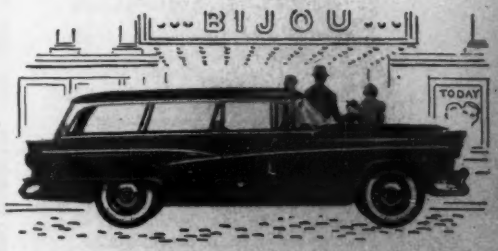

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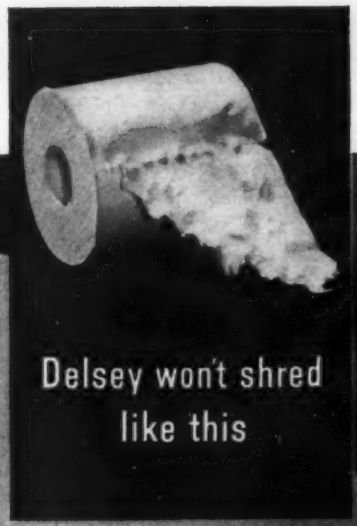

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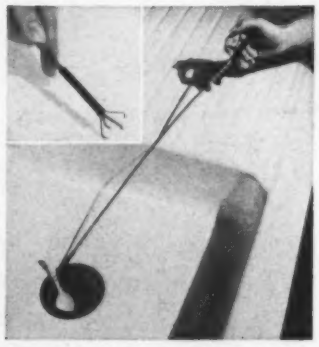

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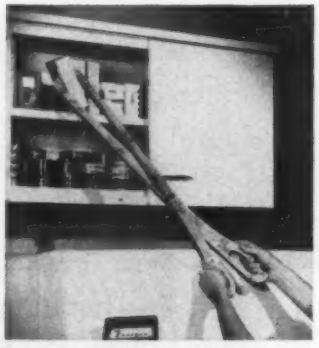

Gaily painted tongs bring that top shelf over the refrigerator or freezer within easy reach.

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by ISABELLE SHAVER

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When your baby starts to talk

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baby talk to him in his fashion.

He thinks he is imitating the way you talk. If you reverse yourself now and adopt *his* way of saying things, you'll really mix him up.

Don't try to make him change the way he pronounces. Just be sure your pronunciation of the words he uses is clear and correct each time you say them.

Your baby may stop adding words to his vocabulary for a while after his first two or three are understood. Then there may be a definite lag while he is learning to walk. But he'll make up for lost ground after he has become an accomplished walker.

In the meantime, you can help him add to his unspoken vocabulary if you keep talking to him in short, simple words, singing nursery songs, reciting jingling rhymes. Don't talk too fast, and keep your sentences short.

Children who are not talked to during this learning period do not develop speech ability quickly. They have no one to imitate and no reason to talk.

Children in orphanages, where attendants haven't time to talk a lot with each youngster, are usually slower in learning to talk. And they cling to baby talk longer.

Of course, your baby will have other speech models besides you. He'll imitate anyone who is around him a lot. Keep this in mind when hiring a steady baby-sitter. Relatives and friends are more difficult to control, but you can ask them not to talk baby talk to your youngster and to avoid slang as much as possible.

If your family speaks two languages, it's better to wait until after your youngster is 3 or 4 years old before you introduce him to the second language. Children exposed to two languages from birth don't seem to learn either language as rapidly as they would one language at a time. This is understandable since they are learning two words for everything.

Some people argue that it's better to learn more than one tongue from infancy on. But psychologists disagree with this theory. They say that if a child tries to learn two languages at once he may not really grasp all that is meant by words of either language.

By the time your baby is 18 months old, he may have 10 to 20 or more words in his vocabulary, though it still may be hard for anyone but you to understand him. Usually pronouncing ability does not keep up with the ability to learn new words.

At 2, your youngster's vocabulary may range anywhere from 20 to 300 words or more. In a study of normal children at this age, one child used only five words while another used over 1,200!

Between 2 and 6, your boy or girl will make enormous strides as a conversationalist. It's during this period, however, that he may get pronouns mixed up ("me" for "I"), may be unable to say certain letters or combinations (he may say "free" for "three," "widdle" for "little," and so forth), may stutter some (generally at 2½ or 3 years), and may repeat words and sentences over and over.

None of these things should cause you any concern. It's better not to try to correct your youngster's speech except by speaking correctly yourself. These difficulties will disappear of their own accord as your boy or girl develops talking ability.

If you call your youngster's attention to any of these defects, you may fix the habit in his mind and it will persist and become a problem. Above all, don't nag or ridicule him for his mistakes.

If a defect such as stuttering continues after 6, there is probably some emotional tension causing it. A specialist in speech correction should be consulted.

Between 3 and 5, your youngster will probably become a chatterbox. He's discovered the pleasure of communication through words, has become sociable, wants to attract attention, and tell you things.

If you become tired of his chatter at times, direct his interest to something else—a game or some physical activity. *Don't* scold him or squelch him for talking too much.

At this age, you should see that he has other children and grown-ups outside the family to talk to. In this way, he'll learn to talk to others before he starts to school.

There are many causes for slowness in talking. Boys are usually slower to talk than girls.

Twins do not progress as rapidly in language development as do singleton children. This is because twins communicate with each other and do not have as much need to talk to anyone else. An only child will probably talk sooner than a baby with brothers and sisters *near his age*.

Not being talked to will retard a baby's speech development. So will hovering over the baby and waiting on him hand and foot, because, then, there's not much need for him to learn to talk.

Maybe, because you're afraid he'll hurt himself, you've hampered your youngster's efforts to crawl or walk. This, too, may hold back his talking. Speech is coordination between brain and muscle. Tardiness in talking often goes hand in hand with poor coordination in other activities.

Attempts to change your baby from left to right-handedness may discourage or confuse him so much he'll be slow to talk.

Sometimes too much urging or too much praise for talking may make a youngster afraid to try. Emotional tensions can be the cause of a slow-talking problem.

If any of these reasons are keeping your baby from talking, you can probably determine the cause yourself. But, since slowness in speaking may be due to a physical condition, the youngster who makes no speech progress between 2 and 3 should be carefully examined by a doctor.

Some of the physical causes are defects of the mouth, larynx, or tongue, or in the nerves controlling them; mental retardation; or a hearing difficulty. Obviously, the best person to decide and advise you on this is a physician.

But, chances are that any such serious defects would have been discovered before now, if your baby has been under observation and care by your doctor.

Where there's no physical defect, your child will do all right. Just keep talking to him, give him good speech to imitate, and give him a chance to speak for himself.

During Boy Scout Week, February 6 to 12, the nation's 4,100,000 scouts and adult leaders will launch a Four-year Program. The new program will give youth further opportunity to develop physical fitness, self-reliance, fulfillment of one's obligation to God, a sense of personal responsibility, a spirit of helping people, a willingness to share, and an understanding of the government's democratic processes.

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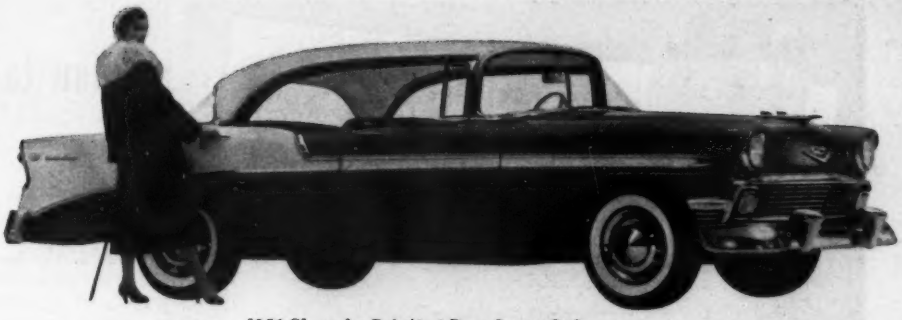

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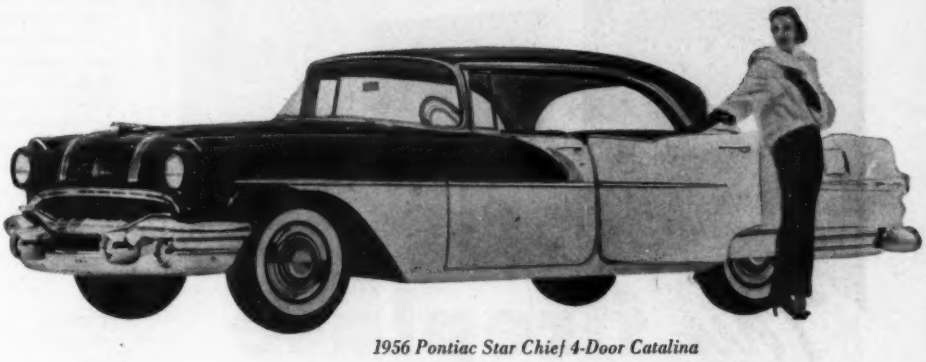

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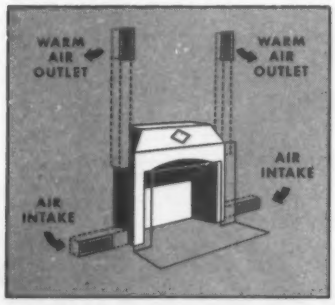

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How-to for the homemaker

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Place clothespin in thumb and in each finger of gloves after they are washed and still wet. (Use clean pins, otherwise stains dry into fabric.)

To dry quickly, lay gloves on towel in sunlight or near heat. For doeskin gloves, remove pins when dry and rub between fingers to soften.

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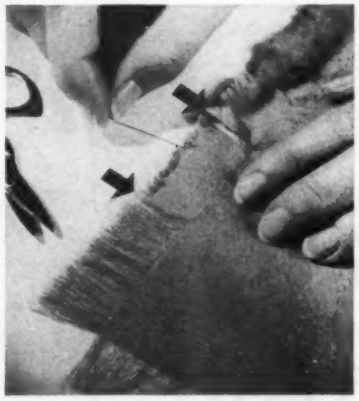

De-frazzled fringe! Here's the way to fringe luncheon cloths, place mats, napkins.

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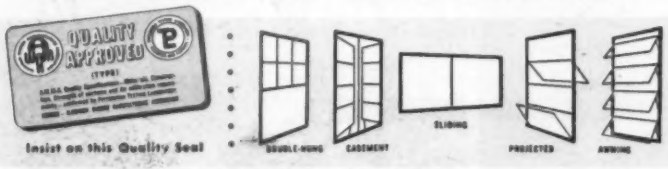

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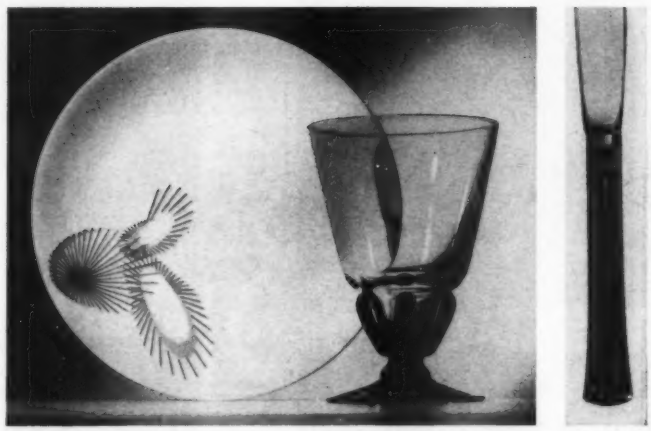
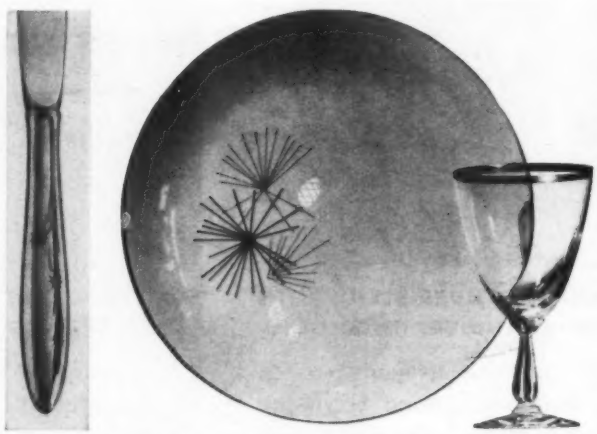
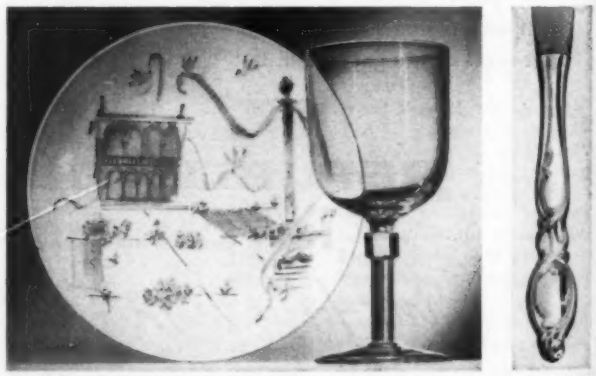


Made for the modern home with Oriental influence, this handsome Focus pattern china with pink and black motif sets a stunning table. The crystal goblet with distinctive black glass base is called Chalice. Vogue pattern stainless steel repeats use of straight line as a motif



For you who like soft colors, the Silver Pine china pattern is an answer to your dream. The pale blue plate is banded in platinum with platinum pine needles and white cone. The starry Celeste pattern sterling reflects this china motif as does the platinum-banded goblet



Exquisitely brushed in blue, black, and pink, the Plaza pattern china is classic French in its effect. The stem of the Colonnade pattern goblet repeats a portion of the plate's design. Silver Swirl pattern sterling flatware carries out the plate's graceful ribbon-twist motif

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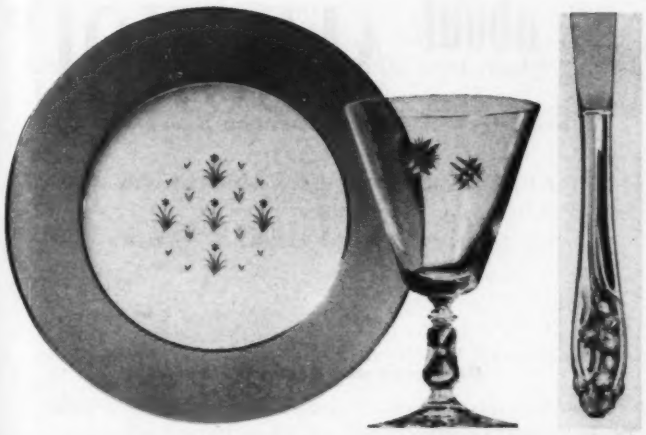

Glendale is a rich new design in one of America's finest china. The broad gold-rimmed flange is a rich sage green, centered with an ensemble of golden flowers on an ivory ground. Cut crystal goblet is Starburst pattern; the sterling is magnificent Silver Iris pattern

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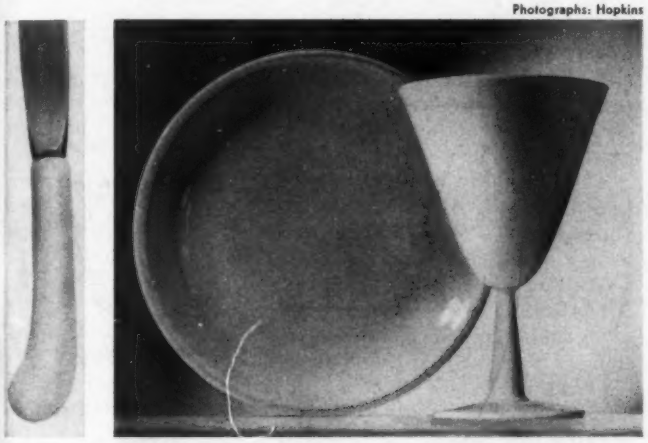
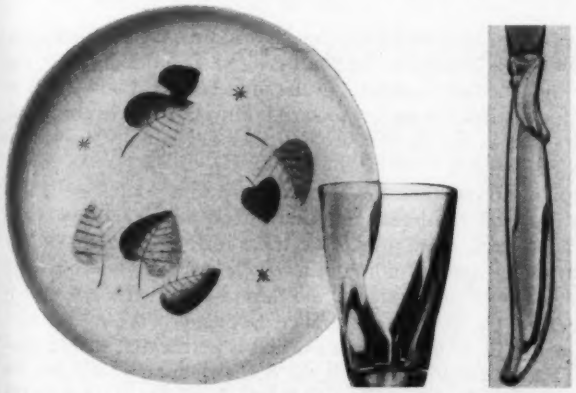


Blue Carrara Modern pattern plate is so exquisite it is difficult to believe that it is ovenproof. The stunning new milk-glass goblet is appropriately named Simplicity. White porcelain-handled flatware is a perfect companion for these smart practical table furnishings



The sturdy earthenware plate called Sherwood has a rich beige background with leaves in glowing browns and yellow. The Dusk pattern tumbler blends like an autumn sunset. Flair pattern silver flatware with its graceful, leaf-inspired curves is a distinctive companion

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"What I'd teach my children about ALCOHOL"

By Reverend Alson J. Smith

My two little boys know all about the birds and the bees. They know that the stork didn't bring them, and that it takes nine months, give or take a few days, to produce a baby.

The oldest gets this in school, the youngest in his very progressive kindergarten, and both of them get it, of all places, in Sunday school.

If they have any questions left over, their mother answers them without any fuss and feathers. In the matter of sex, my children are about as well briefed for puberty as any children can be.

The other day, however, the older of them came up with something new. All decked out in the cowboy suit he got for Christmas, he walked up to the desk where I was leafing through a stack of bills and slapped down a dollar in play money.

"Gimme a shot, Joe," he piped.

I looked up in amazement. "What's that?" I said.

"A shot," he said tolerantly. "You know—whiskey or something. This is the Red Dog Saloon and I'm Cactus Pete."

Of course, I knew where he got it. He named a horse opera current at the neighborhood movie. "All the cowboys drink in the Red Dog Saloon," he protested.

He dropped the Cactus Pete role, unfastened the holster of his six-shooter, and climbed up on my knee for a serious chat. "Dad," he said, "what's whiskey and why do people drink it if it tastes so bad? In the movies, they always make faces."

I stumbled around in an attempt to interpret the alcohol problem in terms a youngster could understand. It suddenly occurred to me that the fact of alcohol in the modern world and the contradictory attitude of society toward it must be quite as confusing to the child as the fact of sex and society's equally two-faced attitude toward it.

Alcohol, no less than sex, can booby-trap a young life if it is not interpreted, evaluated, and understood before activity along that line is legal. And, unlike sex, there is no organized attempt to provide an understanding of it for children, no kindergarten or grade school or Sunday-school lessons, no literature that is much above the level of temperance propaganda of 50 years ago.

They live in an environment which is permeated with drinking. It is in the movies they see, the cocktail lounges they pass on their way to school and church, in the jokes they hear, in the stories they read, and in the social intercourse of their parents and older friends.

It is alternately glorified, denounced, praised, blamed, exalted, and damned. It is good and bad, wonderful and awful, all at

With drinking presented as glamorous and sociable by movies, TV, ads, and many adults—yet denounced by others—here's how a prominent minister, social worker and lecturer tells his boys about liquor

the same time. Until comparatively recently, sex was like that, and still is in many parts of the country.

And we live in an increasingly alcoholic environment. Liquor consumption, according to the United States Treasury Department, has, since the repeal of prohibition, increased faster than the population.

Alcoholism ranks high as a public health problem. And with an annual per capita expenditure of $60 for alcohol as against slightly more than $20 a person spent for all religious purposes, the American public is voting alcohol three times as important as religion!

It is particularly important for children to understand this increasing alcoholization of their environment, for it is in childhood that alcoholics are incubated.

A short time ago, a survey was conducted by *The Grapevine*, official organ of Alcoholics Anonymous. The findings show that most alcoholics first got drunk between the ages of 10 and 19. Six percent of them were first intoxicated between the ages of 10 and 14, and 1 percent confessed to first overindulgence below the age of 10!

If these percentages hold, as the experts agree they do, for all of America's estimated 3,500,000 intemperate drinkers, it means that something like 2,850,000 first got drunk before they were out of their teens. How many began drinking without getting drunk, no one knows.

But even when the children do not themselves drink, the foundation for later addiction to alcohol is being laid in their family relationships, or lack of same.

Dr. Robert Seliger of the Phipps Psychiatric Clinic, Johns Hopkins Hospital, says that "the root of alcoholism—the need or craving for narcotization—is found in childhood reactions to family environment."

And Dr. Harriett R. Mowrer, writing in *The Journal of Criminal Psychopathology*, states that the behavior of the alcoholic cannot be understood except with reference to the basic patterns of personality developed in early family relationships.

So much for the booby trap. How shall we avoid it? What shall we tell our children about alcohol?

The answer here is the same as it is in regard to sex—tell them the truth. Don't clam up when they ask questions about it. Don't surround alcohol with mystery.

When Uncle Charlie shows up for dinner a little the worse for wear, don't tell the kids that he's "sick" or "not feeling well," or "has a little in." Tell them forthrightly that Uncle Charlie has drunk too much whiskey.

Nothing titillates a child like a mystery. I remember in my own childhood having an uncle who was always [*Turn to page 161*

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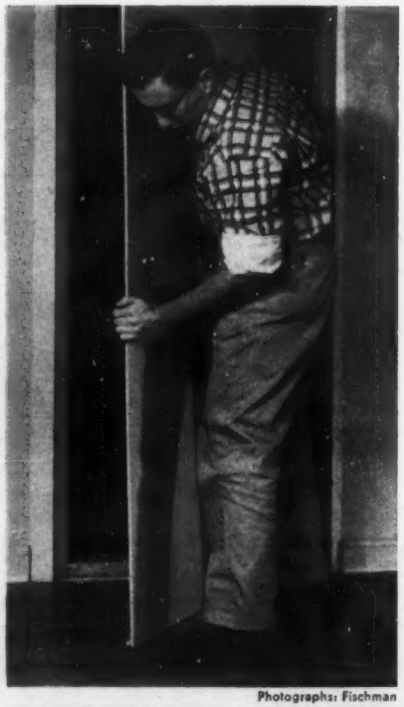
Fill in opening with new material you match with old. Most homes are finished with gypsum wallboard or a similar covering.

After it's in place, fasten it to all three upright studs as well as horizontal ones. Use gypsum wallboard nails if you use this material. You can buy them at lumberyards.



Nail on new baseboard and quarter-round. It should match the old. Wood plastic fills the cracks and nail holes.

When you're done, fill the crack around new wallboard — or other material — and sand surface smooth. Matching wall and trim colors go on last. You may want to repaint room.

Photographs: Fischman

Window units lift out easily when framing is off

Remove wood trim around inside of window. A flat chisel protects the wall.

If you have casement windows, drive out hinge pins and remove the sash. For sliding windows, pry out wood stops holding sash in place, cut the cords or chains, and remove the sash from the opening, as shown.

Remove the inside sill. It's fastened to the horizontal 2x4 framing at the base of the window opening. To pull nails loose, drive the sill upward with your hammer.

Now pry off the inside apron which is located directly under the sill. With chisel, work it off. Don't damage the wall.

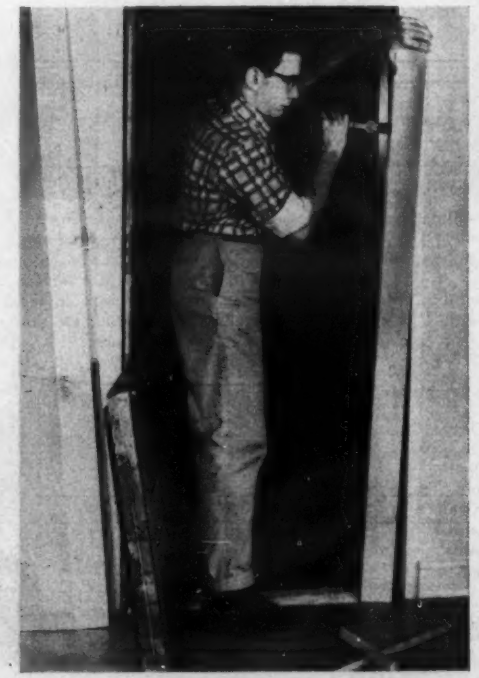
Cut along dotted lines

No. 1 of a series

How to close up a door or window

Remodeling or adding new rooms to your home usually involves closing in a doorway or a window opening.

There's nothing difficult about doing this yourself—it simply takes careful planning and the right procedures. Before you pick up your hammer and start to work, estimate and buy the materials you'll need. Then follow these step-by-step photographs which will help you get the job done cheaper, quicker, and easier.



Door comes off first —then the molding

Pry off molding—using wide, flat chisel to avoid damaging the walls—after you drive out the hinge pins and remove the door from the opening.

Nailheads usually pull through the wood as you pry it off. Remove them when you're finished.

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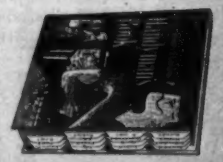


Pull nails holding jamb (side pieces) and header (top piece) to the wood studs on sides and top. Nail puller does fast job.

If nails won't budge, substitute hacksaw blade (without holder) between jamb and side studs. Tape around blade protects hands.

Lift out jamb and header in one unit. If the assembly is stuck, tap it lightly with hammer.

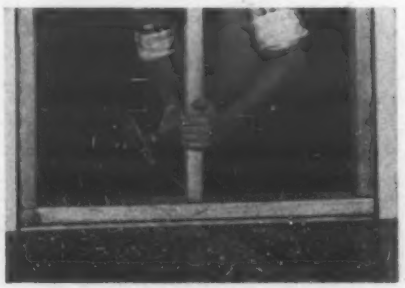
If hammer doesn't produce results, check to see if all the nails holding the unit have been pulled out. Nails are sometimes set below surface of stock and are hard to see.

Remove door saddle. If you'll be cutting in a new doorway, save it for use there. But since you'll probably not use it in this way again, rip it loose to speed the job.

Save all lumber—jamb, header, and moldings—which you can salvage for woodworking projects, framing stock, and so on.

Cut and position 2x4s—flat side down—at bottom and top openings of the doorway, and nail them into place, as shown.

This provides a flat nailing surface for the upright studs when they go into place. "Stagger" nailing reduces splitting. Or you can drill tiny pilot holes for the nails.



Nail one 2x4 stud to each side of the opening. Be sure to measure and cut accurately.

Both studs must be flush with the other wall studs exposed when you removed the jamb. Fasten third stud in center of the opening. Toenail all studs to the 2x4s you fastened to the top and bottom of the opening.

PUSH OUT

Cut along dotted lines

Outside apron comes off like the inside one did. Pry it loose with hammer or wrecking bar, but be careful not to damage the siding or window sill—if you'll use it again.

Tiny "cushion" blocks under hammer head give you more leverage and protect the wood at the same time. Fashion blocks from 1x2 material—pine, fir, or hemlock is adequate.

Lift out frame from the outside. A properly installed frame is not nailed to the studs that frames the opening. It is held in position only by the trim which surrounds it.

If nails are encountered, pull them out with your nail puller. It may be necessary for you to rip off several shingles or clapboards around the frame so you can free it.

Nail in 2x4 studs, flat side down, to top and bottom of opening. Now, toenail upright studs to them as you would do in a door opening.

If you'll install insulation, be sure to space studs on 16-inch centers. Exterior siding goes on next. Tongue-and-groove siding was used here as a base for the shingles which will be put on when rest of job is completed.

Insulate area between the studs on the inside. A "combination" insulation—blanket wrapped in aluminum foil or a special paper—is stapled in place. Fasten it at the sides, and, if possible, at the ends to form "seal."

Finish wall inside in same manner as you would a door opening—using gypsum wallboard or a material to match rest of wall.

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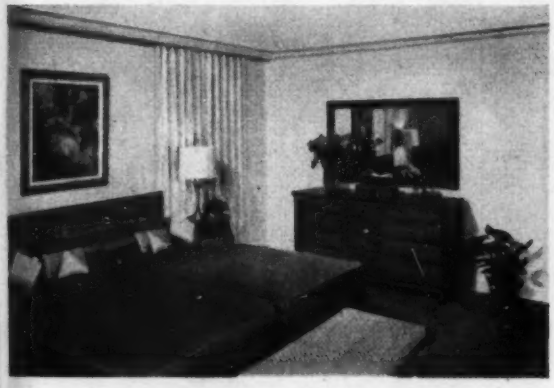

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What I'd teach my children about alcohol

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referred to as "having a little in." He *always* had a little in, and often a lot.

He was whispered about, and eyebrows were lifted when his name was mentioned. When he died it was the consensus of adult opinion that "it" finally killed him. But nobody ever said what "it" was he "had in" or why it killed him.

On the other hand, my grandmother, who on the doctor's orders enjoyed a nightly tot of sherry for the last 10 years of her life, was never censured or whispered about.

The whole question of drink was an enigma wrapped in a mystery, the total effect of which was the creation of an avid desire on the part of the children to find out what was drunk, and why it did whatever it did that made it bad for Uncle Louis but good for Grandma.

And the truth, as I see it, would go something like this: "Alcohol is a drug, like opium or cocaine, only easier to produce and to take and therefore cheaper. A little bit of it, as in a highball or a cocktail, makes you feel mildly different—gives you a pleasant sensation, a feeling of well-being.

"If you drink a little too much of it (it is really a powerful drug), it not only makes you feel different but *act* different. It affects your brain. You can't talk as well or walk as steadily or do anything quite as quickly as you did before. That's why it's no good for athletes.

"And too much of it may irritate the sensitive lining of your stomach, and you'll have to vomit.

"Nobody should drink so much that they *act* different, and if they keep on drinking to the point where they *act* different long enough, they will *be* different.

"Now, because alcohol does make you feel and act different, it has become a folkway. That is, people write songs about it, and boast of their ability to drink a lot *without* acting different (that's what they think!), and christen ships with it, and use it in all sorts of ceremonies.

"All this is kind of silly, but folkways are folkways and this particular one is very old and is probably going to go on for a long time.

"We don't know much about alcohol, so we don't know just how it affects us physically. It looks, though, like it probably doesn't do us much physical damage unless we drink too much of it for a long, long time. But it can make us do physical damage to *ourselves* by slowing us up and involving us in accidents, and other trouble.

"Drinking too much, however, certainly does damage us spiritually. It does something to our personalities. It makes us content with lower standards, and tends to limit our interests to just one thing—alcohol itself.

"Why do people drink it? Well, most drink it just to feel a little different temporarily, a little more relaxed, or just to stimulate their appetites.

"But some people drink it because they don't like themselves the way they are. They not only want to *feel* different temporarily, they want to *be* different.

"Alcohol will make them different all right, but they won't like themselves then any better than they do now.

"These people are really sick. They are 'alcoholics.' Alcohol for them is a means of living another life than the one they lead when they are sober.

"So, if a person can't drink just enough to feel different temporarily, to relax a little and let it go at that, but has to relax all the way down to the floor, has to drink until he acts different and finally is different—he should never drink at all."

As to whether they themselves (your children) should drink when they get old enough, I think the wise answer is, "Decide when you get there, but remember two things—nobody ever lost anything by leaving alcohol alone, and nobody ever became an alcoholic without drinking."

So, with certain modifications for age levels, that is what I'd say about alcohol to my children. I'd say it, realizing that eventually they would experiment with alcohol. I'd say it in an attempt to give them a background of understanding against which the inevitable experimentation could take place.

Then, there are certain things I would *not* do.

First, I wouldn't make a fetish of alcohol. I would neither urge it on my children nor forbid them to touch it. I would avoid, as I would the plague, giving the impression that it possessed some magic power to bring joy and strength.

I would not condemn it as a poison, nor give the impression that it was the source of most of the evil in the world—which was the impression I got from my parents, bless their hearts. Extreme attitudes, one way or the other, make for extreme curiosity.

Second, I would not let my children sample it through occasional sips of beer, wine, highballs, as some parents do.

There's a reason why the cowboys in the Red Dog Saloon make faces when they down their Taos Lightning. It tastes terrible, and the drinker has to become conditioned to the taste. This conditioning takes time, and it is only after the inhibitions of this conditioning period have been overcome that a person is likely to drink to excess.

There is no sense in beginning to condition a child to the taste of alcohol at an early age.

Third, I'd avoid taking the children to performances which glamorize drinking or take alcohol for granted. [*Turn to next page*

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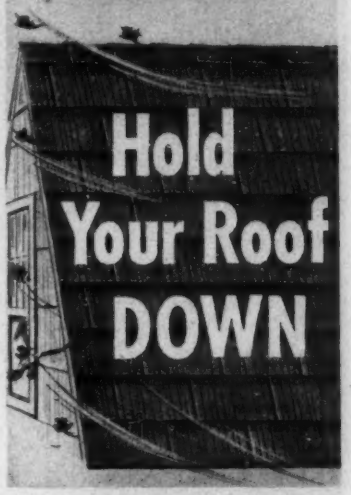

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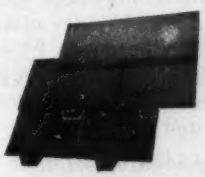

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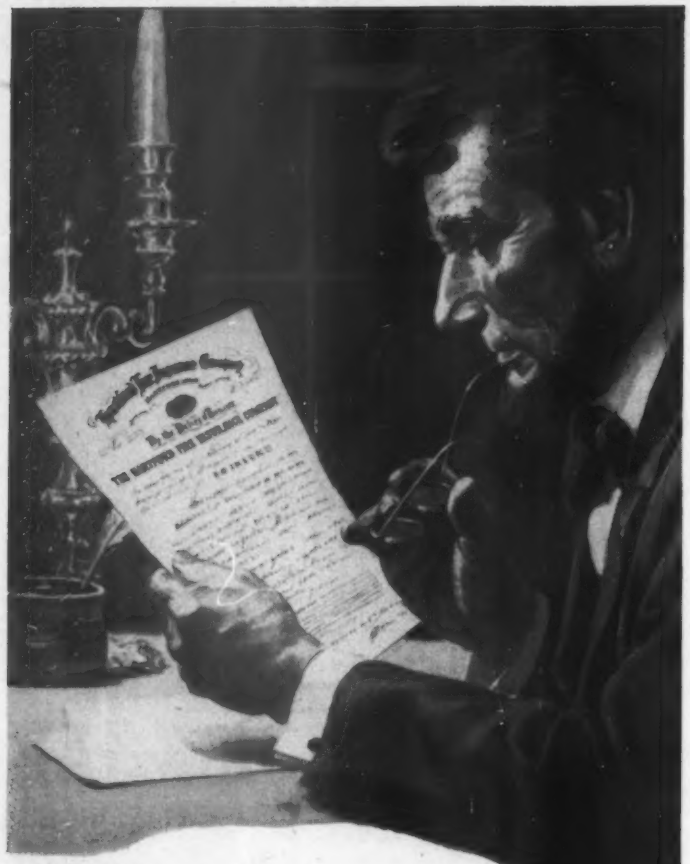

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What I'll teach my children

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The movies, thanks to the activities of the National Federation of Women's Clubs and the Legion of Decency, are, it seems to me, doing much better in this respect now than they were a few years ago. Alcohol definitely should *not* be taken for granted, in the movies or anywhere else. It is in a category of its own, and it is a mistake to give the impression that a cocktail has no more significance than a cup of tea or a bottle of cola.

Then, on the positive side, there are some things I'd do.

First, if I drank, I'd do it in front of the children. But I'd give them a full explanation of what it was I was drinking and why I was drinking it and why they couldn't have any. There would be no mystery about it—and certainly no excess—and no chance for them to discover that their parents drank behind their backs.

Second, I would provide them with some sane, scientific literature explaining alcohol, written in terms they could understand. They don't get this anywhere today—not in school, in spite of laws in many states making alcohol education obligatory, and not in Sunday school, where most of the alcohol "education" they get is still the old temperance tract kind of thing, showing the technicolor hues of the drunkard's stomach, or the father-dear-father-come-home-with-me-now type of moral drama.

There is a crying need for scientific literature on this subject. The only piece of material that I consider at all usable is a little number put out by the School and College Service of Columbus, Ohio. It is entitled *Alcohol Talks to Youth* and is written by Dr. Howard E. Hamlin of the Ohio State Department of Education.

Third, I will take time to interpret the ads to my children. Children pay attention to advertising, both visual and oral. (Ever been shopping with a 7-year-old?)

There is nothing more embarrassing to a ministerial father than to be entertaining the Ladies Aid of the parish at tea while his youngest son roams the house caroling the merits of "X's Light Beer of Broadway Fame."

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It is this subtle identification of alcohol with the good life that makes the liquor ads misleading and irritating.

I would not have liquor advertising outlawed altogether—as certain bills now pending in Congress would do—but I would support legislation which would limit such

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After Weldwood, see what a difference! V-Plank paneling makes fireplace a focal point, gives the whole room a new air of charm and spaciousness. Matching built-ins help make this living room a beautiful family room. All V-Plank paneling shown costs just $105.

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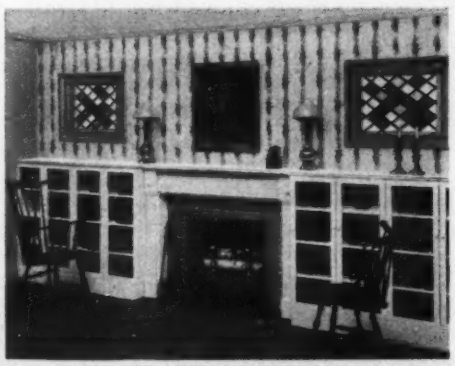

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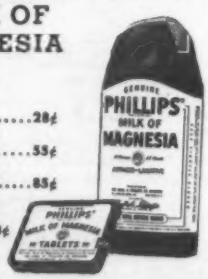

How "average" are you?

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person (even counting newborn babes) manages in one year to consume 151 pounds of meat, 33 dozen eggs (plus one extra egg), 717 pounds of cheese, 43.9 pounds of fats, 109.3 pounds of fresh fruits, 114 pounds of fresh vegetables, and 16.5 pounds of coffee.

Add it all up and the consumption per day is (hold your hats, girls) 3,200 calories.

How much does it cost to own a car?

One survey shows that the average owner spends a whopping $1,055 a year on his car, which is three years old. This figure, of course, includes the cost of the car spread out over its lifetime. On a mileage basis, you are shelling out 9.6 cents a mile over a six-year period if you keep the family buggy that long. In this expense, only about 20 cents of every dollar goes for gas. About 47 cents goes for depreciation and 12 cents for insurance among other things.

Of course your cents-per-mile zoom if you don't use your car much. Paradoxically, anyone who owns a car should drive the wheels off of it to keep costs down. Owners who drive under 5,000 miles a year have the amazing cost of 26.4 cents per mile, while those over 20,000 miles a year spend only 6.9 cents per mile.

What can we look forward to in retirement?

For one thing, you can look forward to a lot more older people. According to the Bureau of Census, if the current population trend continues there will be 20,689,000 people 65 years and over in 1975. This will be an amazing rise from the 13,400,000 in 1953.

You may have an old-age nest egg, but census reports have hatched out one indisputable fact: Much as you dislike the idea, you very likely will be living with someone else during your "old age." In 1950, for example, more than 96 percent of the aged lived in households (contrasted to institutions) and about four-fifths of them were living with relatives.

Who'll die first, myself or my spouse?

Men die sooner. In 1953, we had 7,404,000 widows. This was by far the largest number in our history . . . about three times as many widows as widowers. Currently, at least 1 woman in every 10 at ages 45 to 54 is a widow. In the next age bracket, 55 to 64, the proportion jumps to more than 1 in every 4. And consider this: half the women who now become widowed still have more than 20 years of life ahead of them.

What's the biggest threat to our lives?

Heart disease. The U. S. Public Health Service predicts that 750,000 persons will die of heart disease this year, an increase of 100 percent since 1933. This threat is particularly true if your immediate relatives have had cardiovascular renal disease.

Heart disease takes a greater annual toll than all other causes combined—by about 100,000 lives. In the list of killers it takes three times the toll of cancer, which is second. Accidents are third, and these three categories take a big share of all lives.

In general, you can figure that the 65 to 74 age bracket is the most dangerous for men, 75 to 84 for women.

Anything encouraging for the future?

Plenty. In 1954 the death rate reached an all-time low, and the trend definitely is downward. At the turn of the century, the average length of life in the United States was 49.2 years. Today we are living almost 20 years longer.

You can pack a lifetime of enjoyment into those 20 years—if you're an "average" person!

Do you know how to stay alive?

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start working, and perspiration soaks your clothing. When you are so worn out that you cannot keep awake any longer, exhausted and wet, you drop in your tracks and then you may never wake again."

It's a wise do-it-yourselfer who always keeps his wooden ladder shipshape by giving it a coat of paint.

False. According to the National Safety Council, a wooden ladder should never be painted. Paint hides defects and is slippery when wet.

If bitten by a rattlesnake, never suck the poison out of the wound because the venom might enter the system via a scratch or blister on your lip.

False. According to Dr. Dudley Jackson, authority on first-aid treatment for snakebite, this is a popular misconception. "The victim already has the poison in his blood stream, thus there is no further danger from the venom even if he has bad teeth or swallows the poison. If bitten by a rattler, remember that you are in no immediate danger of dying. The victim will not be in serious peril for six hours or more unless the bite is on face or chest. The main thing is to keep calm and not walk or run."

Persons suffering from the chills as a result of exposure to severe cold should be given alcoholic stimulants to warm them up.

False. Physiologists warn that alcohol is not good for warming a badly chilled man. All it does is to flood the skin with blood drawn from vital internal organs, which need it more than the extremities do. Actually, using alcohol to speed up the blood flow simply speeds up the body's over-all loss of heat.

The best way to treat a frostbitten part of the body is to rub it with snow.

False. Gangrene can result from treating frostbite by rubbing with snow. The parts most commonly affected by frostbite are the ears, nose, hands, and feet. As the result of exposure to intense cold, the blood supply to the part becomes so limited, because of constriction of the blood vessels, that not enough warmth is present in the tissues to prevent freezing. Rubbing, in an effort to restore the circulation, is useless and may extend the damage. Frozen parts should be thawed gradually by covering with the hand. If the hand is frostbitten, it should be warmed gently under the armpit.

February buffet

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Pass a bowl of Cherry Sauce to spoon over.

Cherry Sauce

Tasty-tart topping to ladle over tiny angel cakes or a cottage pudding—

1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) pitted tart red cherries, frozen or canned
¼ to ½* cup sugar
1½ tablespoons cornstarch
Few drops red food coloring

Drain cherries, reserving juice. Combine ¾ cup of the cherry juice and the sugar; heat to boiling. Add cherries; cook 10 minutes. Mix cornstarch with remaining cold cherry juice; add to hot mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, till thick and clear. If desired, add red food coloring. Serve warm with angel cake. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

*Use a smaller amount of sugar with syrup-packed cherries.

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How to

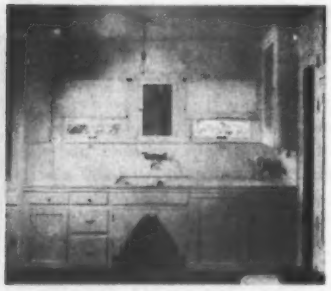
Get a bigger 'n better kitchen

By Ann Worden

AFTER. Confining walls, old cabinets came out; streamlined appliances step in to form this efficient production line. Counter top is built over automatic washer (at right) for handy work ledge—just lift up at laundry time. New wide, wide window lets sunshine light work counters

DO YOU need more leeway in your kitchen for eating, storage, working efficiency? Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stoessel, Beverly Hills, California, gladly swapped a drab utility room and cramped breakfast nook to gain this charming new kitchen workshop with plenty of space for family activities.

Their kitchen boasts compact work centers, provincial decor. Take a look at areas skirting your present kitchen for bonus space that is being wasted. Then check these ideas for help with your own remodeling project.



← **BEFORE.** This typical kitchen of the Thirties had skimpy windows, insufficient cabinets, and out-of-date lighting.

A few structural changes permitted reorganization of the eating area, storage space, and appliances.

BEFORE. A breakfast room behind archway (see plan) cut large chunk out of kitchen.

Family felt cooped up in dark, poorly ventilated niche, so didn't eat there very often. Ironing board blocked traffic when open for use.

AFTER. Walls surrounding breakfast nook came down—now there's elbow room galore. Family gathers at center table for companionable dining, games, studying. Window to enclosed porch was converted to shuttered pass-through; cabinets were built into former bench recess

Photographs: de Gennero

BEFORE. Gold mine of unused space in utility room waited to be discovered behind this door. Range stood alone—no counter as helper.

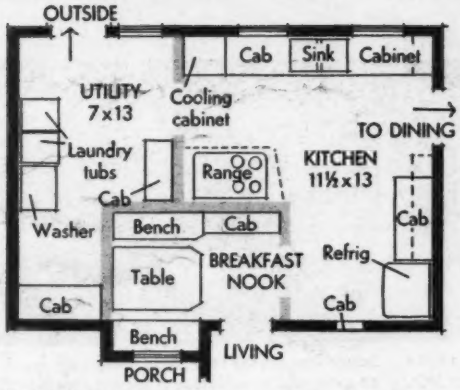
Kitchen was both stark and inefficient. Room for plenty of improvement here!

AFTER. Utility room joins kitchen to provide attractive storage wall and inviting corner for relaxation. Franklin stove and rocker team up to offer extra comfort. Dad can read or entertain the children here while mother cooks. Washer was moved to appliance line-up near sink. Cleaning equipment is concealed in the tall, shuttered cabinet at end of room

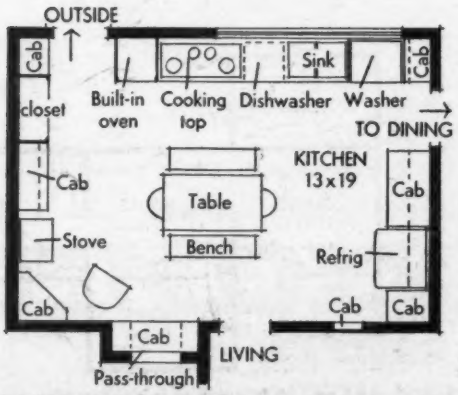
Ray Wright

BEFORE. Closing up a tiny window (left in the picture), knocking out old cabinets and walls in foreground were the major changes in remodeling.

Dining-room door (at far end) is unchanged, still close to kitchen work area.



BEFORE. Nonsupporting partitions (marked red) could be removed to bring kitchen up to date



AFTER. Spacious family kitchen now replaces the three smaller rooms. Doors are unchanged

AFTER. A far cry from the old crowded quarters. Complete with worksaving appliances, this kitchen enhances its efficiency with the charm of beamed ceiling, provincial paper, patterned window, and antiques. Refrigerator was moved closer to sink to save steps, and placed next to a well-organized mixing center. Drop-leaf table doubles as available work space when a company meal is the order of the day

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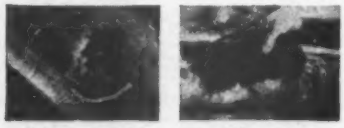

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By Jessie Walker

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The remodeling was guided by Designer Arthur Schooley of Wilmette, Illinois, and decorated by Associated Decorators of Winnetka.

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing

TODAY. 100-year-old wing is still intact. Siding is even the same—with three fresh coats of paint. Wing at left, no youngster either, was added at middle age. And house has grown still more. Screened porch joins house at rear, and new bedroom for parents is hidden at right. Old front porch became open paved terrace off entrance

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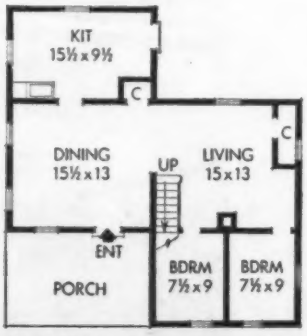
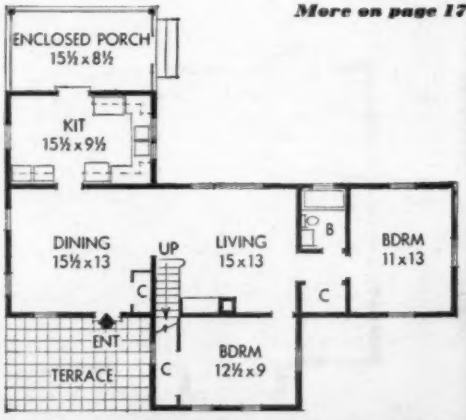
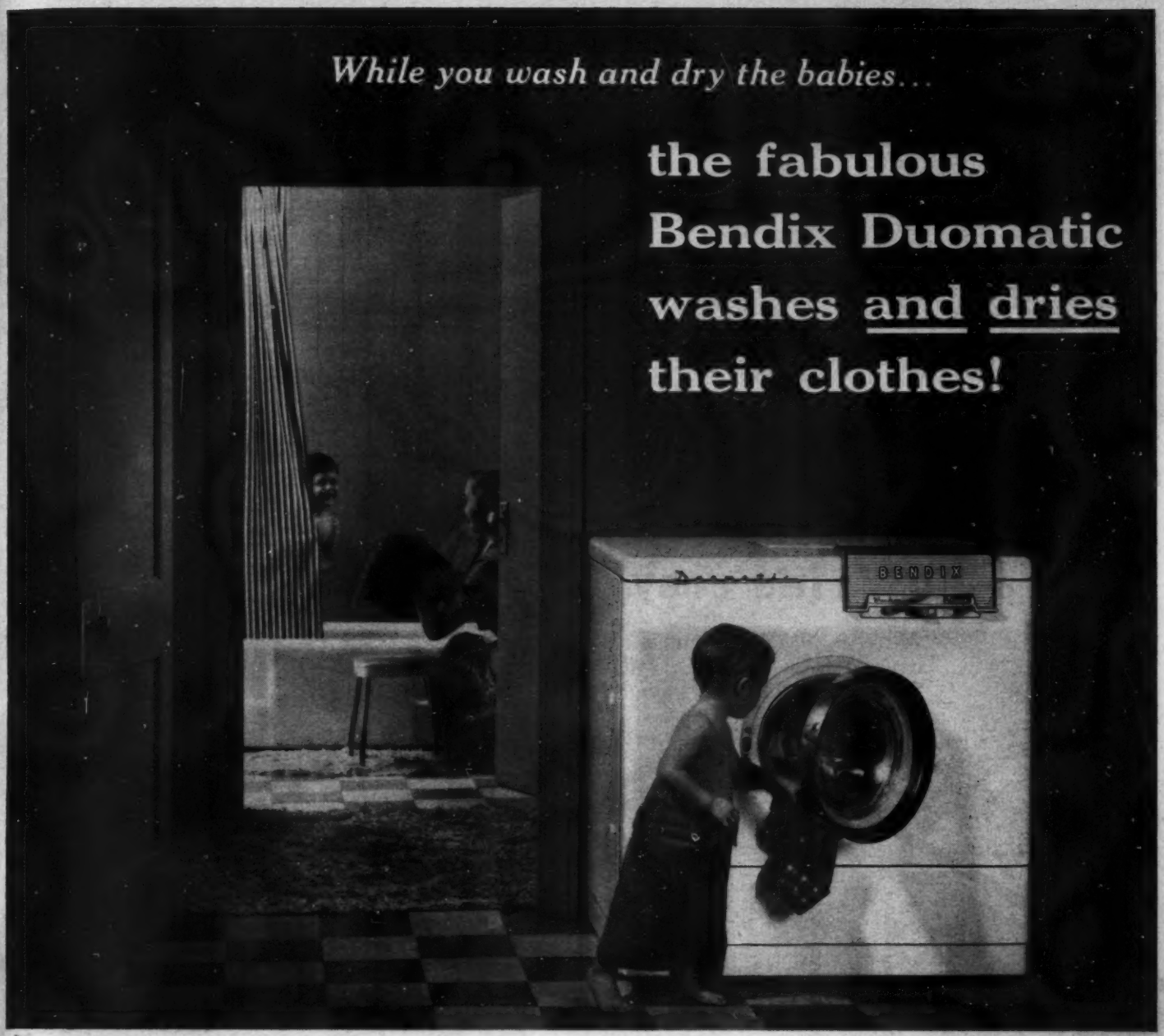


BEFORE. The rectangular wing at right was complete original house. Adjoining wing came 50 years later



AFTER. Here's plan as it is today. Two small front bedrooms are broken up into one room of some size. Second bedroom and first-floor bathroom are added



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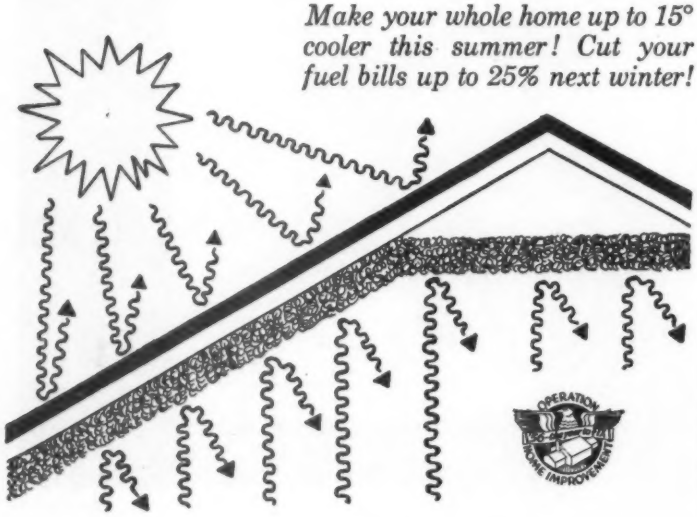

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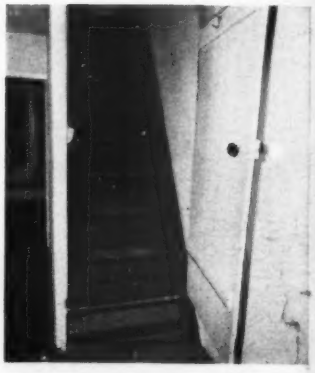


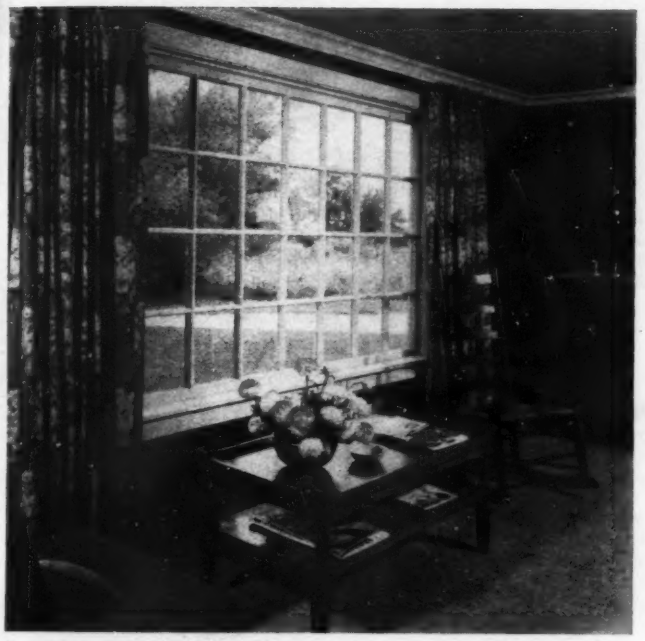
BEFORE. Steep stairway, part of original house, was the next thing to climbing a ladder. Solid wall shut staircase off from the rest of the living room.

Plaster cracked and thinned out so much that laths showed through.

AFTER. Though in same location, staircase is entirely rebuilt and opened to living room with black iron railing. Stairs are less steep and climb is less breathless with landing added midway between floors. Sheets of gypsum lathing refinished wall by stairs. Bookshelves filled in for unnecessary door opening to what is now one large room

Here at rear, space gained in latest remodeling really shows to advantage. Parents' new bedroom and bathroom is projected wing at left. Along with added porch, bedroom wing shelters outdoor living area from street.

Clapboard siding on new wings matches original exterior walls. All new windows are standard sash to hold down costs.



In old house, there was only one small window on this wall opposite staircase. With bedroom addition, area above became only outside wall for windows. And Dillings made the most of it with new 8-foot-wide window. Important, too—view is not of street, but of rear yard

First-floor bedroom added off living room gets dual use as sleeping and sewing room. Corner built-in is both dressing table and sewing center. Supplies are stored in window cabinet where 3-year-old Eloise sits. Walls and ceiling were finished with gypsum wallboard by handy husband-and-wife team. Curtains and bedspread are ready-made

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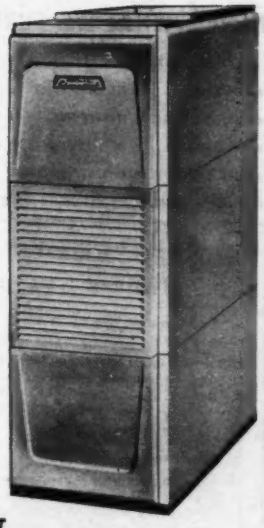

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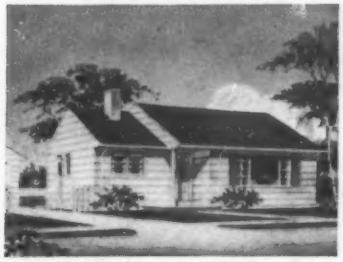

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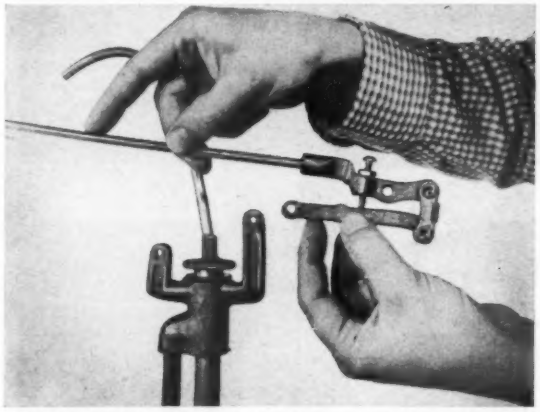
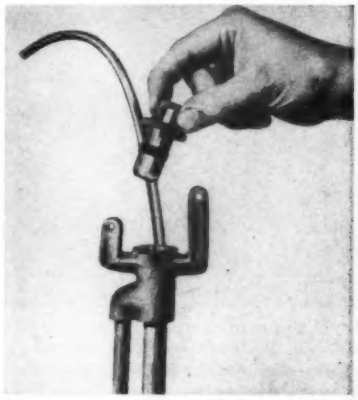


7 Slide float, rod, and attached linkage out of valve. This valve is most common type in general use. Other varieties differ slightly in mechanical construction, but the over-all method of disassembly (and assembly) usually involves same techniques



8 Remove plunger from the valve. It simply slips upward out of the body or the shell covering the valve.

If it's stuck, pry gently to remove it. Be careful not to break or damage the casting while you work.

9 Washer at base of the valve shuts off flow of water. Remove old one and replace it with new washer of same type. There are usually two washers in this type valve.

It's best to replace both while you have valve apart.

Replacement washers are forced into the cup at end of the plunger on this model; the others are held in place with setscrew like faucet washer.

10 A second washer fits in groove cut into side of plunger. This valve takes a split leather washer.

Others come apart so that you can replace washers.

When buying new washers, specify manufacturer's name, and, if possible, the model number of the flush tank. This ensures parts that fit.

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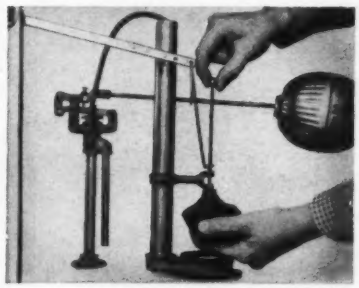
PROBLEM B: *Worn flush ball leakage*

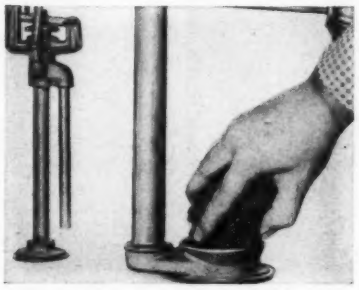


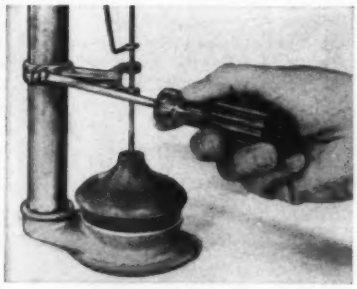
1 Check old flush ball to see if it has disintegrated from wear or has become hard with age. Raise lift rod to test, after tank is empty.

To replace flush ball, hold it in one hand and unscrew lift wire. If wire is stuck, turn it out with your pliers—hold the wire at the top.

2 Clean flush-ball seat with steel wool before you attach the new ball to rod.

It should be smooth. Seat is round metal opening closed off by flush ball. New ball goes on like old one did.





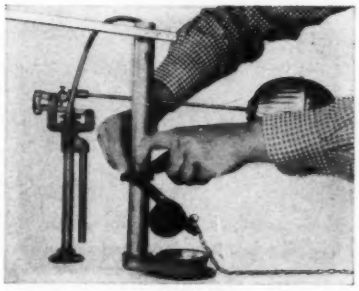
3 If flush ball doesn't drop directly over seat, loosen the setscrew on the guide until the guide is slightly loose.

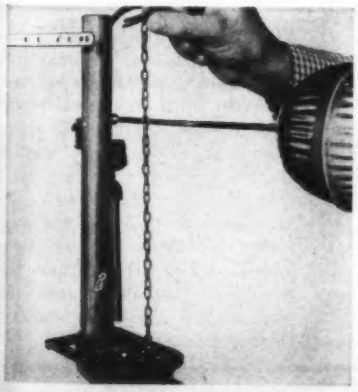
Joggle guide back and forth so ball drops directly into the seat. Retighten screw.

4 New, all-rubber mechanism replaces old-type flush ball, guides, and lift wires.

To install it, loosen the setscrew holding guide in place, and remove it by sliding it up and off overflow pipe.

Disconnect and remove the lift wires and flush ball. Force rubber collar over the overflow pipe and press down to the base of the pipe.





5 Adjust the lift chain to the proper length and fasten it to trip arm with a cotter pin.

If lift wire attached to flush ball is bent, do not try to straighten it out. For a permanent repair, replace it with a brand new one.

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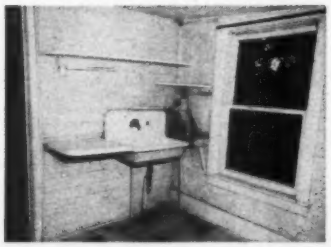

BEFORE. Walls and equipment in kitchen were in equally bad fix.

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AFTER. Walls are renewed, covered with wallpaper on wall-size surface so paper can be easily removed when Dillings redecorate. Kitchen space is better used with laundry corner established where sink used to be, using old plumbing outlets. And kitchen gained eating space. Before, all meals had to be taken to the dining room, off left

Kitchen was replanned as it was remodeled. Rear door in old kitchen broke through the center of working area. Now kitchen is zoned—eating is at one end, and counters and equipment form a working "U"

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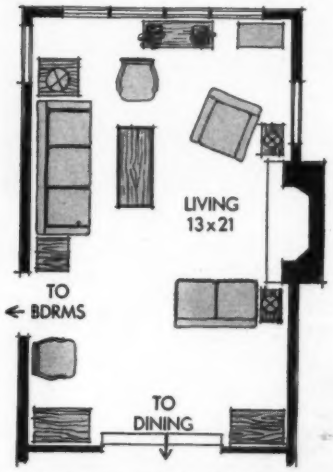
Merging plain colors into a quiet background (note the sofa, carpet, and burlap-covered walls) is one of the best ways to make a room look larger. Bright colors from the printed fabrics are picked up in sofa pillows, picture mats, and accessories, so the room seems to sparkle with color and contrast. Open arms of the host chair do not put up a visual block to the corner as an armchair would in its place. Window treatment reflects room's mood

Planter box, in position in photograph at left, is finished to match the radio-phonograph cabinet. The greenery is in cake tins, easily lifts out for replanting



Traffic lanes are clear between entrance, dining room, bedrooms

Traditional charm for small rooms

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By Eugenia White

If you love the flair of French Provincial, or if you're on the lookout for decorating ideas for a small home, you'll find inspiration here. Period furnishings and fine, space-making ideas are teamed in an attractive way in the George James home in Oklahoma City.

Using few but important accessories, and connecting rooms with harmonizing pattern and colors are two of the tricks that make this charming home appear larger than it is.

The living room is just 13x21 feet, but it incorporates plenty of storage and seating. They've used chests in corners and save space by arranging furniture at right angles to walls.

Matching fabrics and harmonious patterns tie living and dining rooms together, giving them the unity that helps so much in making a small home look spacious.

Wallpaper motif is much like the living-room drapery pattern. Host chair's checked fabric matches chair in living room, so it fits easily into living room's conversation grouping.

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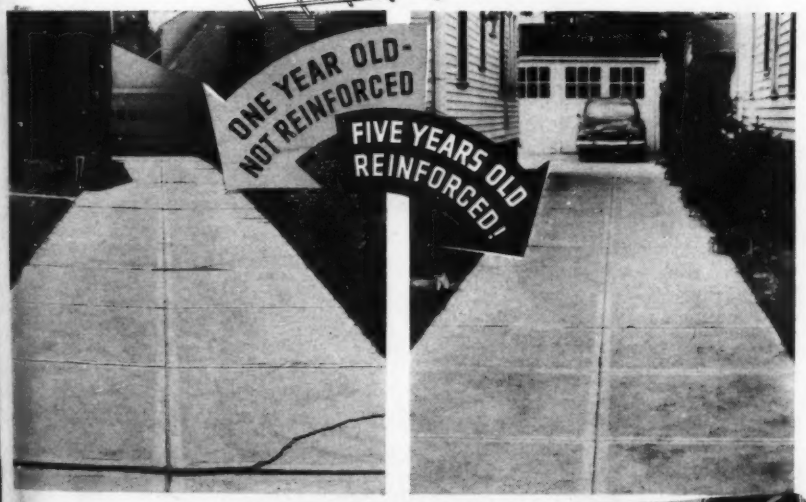
Add the beauty of family heirlooms to your decorating scheme so you can enjoy them every day. A piece of old family silver, or souvenir spoon, is lovely framed on soft velvet. Plant holder is monogrammed silver bowl cut in half. Antique chest makes a simple but elegant corner arrangement and provides needed extra storage

Collections of mugs and demitasse spoons are fine examples of using hobbies to decorate. Grouped in a hanging shelf over twin chests, they form the dining room's center of interest. Note that accessories on top of the chests are big enough not to look cluttered, especially important as they're used with the many items on the hanging shelf



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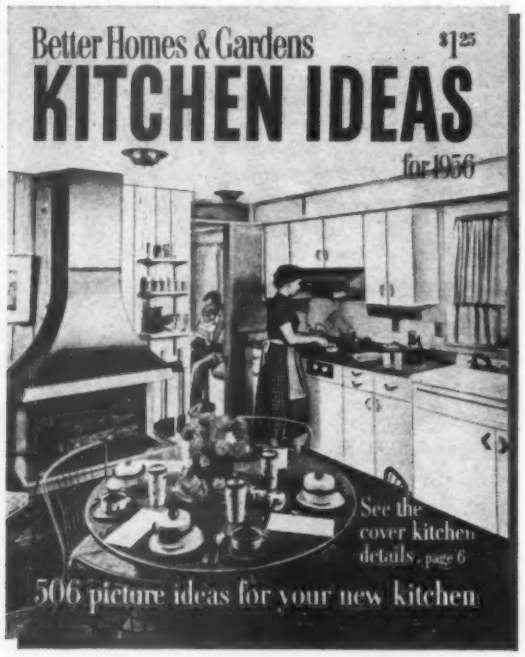

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YOUR PET AND MINE

How to teach four

Heeling without the leash

Once dog masters essentials of leading and commands to "sit" and "heel" (*Better Homes & Gardens*, January, 1956), to heel without leash is next in order. Keep dog between you and a fence or wall. When he gets out of position, command him to heel. If he bolts, put him back on the leash for several lessons

Obedience to "come" must be absolute

Training your dog to "come" should be done in a large, quiet area. Tie a long rope to his collar and allow him to roam about 20 feet away. Give a sharp pull on rope as you command "come." As the dog approaches, praise him and reward him with a tidbit. Repeat until dog comes without rope or reward

difficult commands

By Dr. Wayne F. Riser

"Stay" is taught with hand signal

To teach "sit-stay" order dog to "sit" from a heel position, extend palm of left hand downward in front of dog's face, at the same time firmly saying "stay." Drop leash and walk away. If dog follows, pick up leash and command "heel" and repeat exercise. Dog will soon associate hand motion with "stay"

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Don't confuse "down" with "no"

"Down" is accomplished from sitting position. Place left hand on dog's shoulders, and give command as you extend front feet. If dog attempts to rise, push him down and repeat command. Then say "stay" and leave the dog. Use "no" to keep dog from jumping on people. Teach only one command at a time

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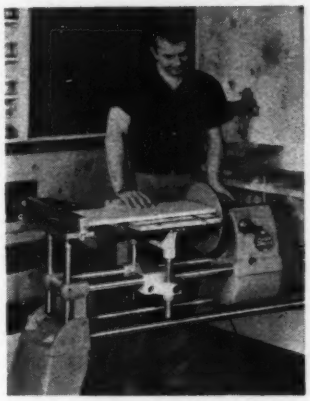

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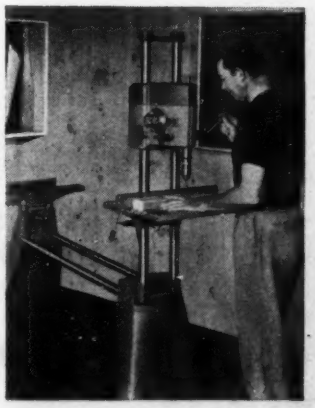

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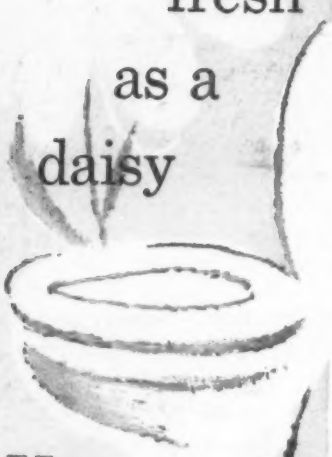

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The diary of a

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By Harry R. O'Brien

At one of the garden stores, bunches of narcissus blooms were being sold for valentines. Took one home to Maggie

Feb. 1 I don't believe it, said I to myself as I shuffled down to rouse up the jolly old furnace. It just can't be February yet. The almanac and the morning paper must be wrong.

"I can't believe it," said Maggie, as she bustled about rustling up breakfast. "According to the thermometer it's 40 degrees warmer than it was yesterday morning. It can't happen that way."

But it did, a jump from zero of yesterday to 40 this morning. The snow is melting. The birds are tuning up. The big month is at hand for reading the catalogs and making up lists of seeds, plants, roses, and bushes to order. Maggie and I've spent the last few evenings pouring over propaganda—those beautiful colored pictures egg us on each year.

Feb. 2 Snow last night—mebbe three inches. Our men's rose club held its monthly dinner meeting.

Hugh, the chairman for our rose show coming up in June, reported.

We all received a copy of the current Buyers' Guide of the American Rose Society, giving the national ratings from last year's rose trials. This and our local report will give us a clue as to what roses we'll be planting come spring.

Feb. 5 Dear me—a day of snow and sleet and slush. By mid-afternoon ice began to freeze on trees and shrubs.

I rushed out more feed for the birds, for this is the very day when they need it most. Toward evening, after the noisy sparrows had cleared out, the cardinals came for their suppers. At one time I counted 19 in view at once, a lifetime record for our backyard.

Feb. 6 Slushy day. Donald and family came along in the afternoon. Janet and the grandkiddies didn't even get out of the car. So Maggie put on her boots and waded out to visit with them.

Feb. 7 It now looks as though I'll have to lock up my garden books, to keep out of trouble. Tonight, bless my soul if Maggie didn't get to reading a book on climbing roses. It was a good book, too. But Maggie began reading about building rose arbors and trellises.

"Why can't you build an arbor too, like one of these in the pictures?" said Maggie. Guess I could all right—another year.

Feb. 8 Well sir, in spite of only 33 degrees of temperature, did work up the first sweat of the month this late p.m. Donned my winter garden regalia. Carried some scratch and sunflower bird feeds from garage to basement. Carried out debris of civilization from basement.

Feb. 9 Wonderful day. Snow about all melted. Balmy breezes from down south. As I went across the south side of our lot to feed the birds, did see that all the crocuses are coming up.

Indoors, the last bloom stalk on Maggie's big crimson hybrid amaryllis is out in full glory.

Maggie and I've spent the last few evenings pouring over propaganda. All those beautiful colored pictures egg us on to new glories each year

Feb. 11 What a world! When I looked out this a.m. there was three inches of snow over everything. Temperature dropping. All day long it kept getting colder and the winds howled. Almost zero when I went to bed tonight.

Feb. 13 Donald, Janet, and the grandkiddies stayed for dinner after church. Hurray—little Danny, now toward 14 months of age, is beginning to walk! He takes off across the floor on his own. It isn't a walk but a kind of shuffle. It gets him where he wants to go.

Feb. 14 Maggie has a valentine. I had plumb forgotten the significance of this day but on my way home, stopped at one of the garden stores. Here bunches of narcissus blooms were being sold for valentines. The head man gave me two bunches to take home to Maggie.

She was more tickled over those yellow posies than if I had brought her a mink coat or diamond necklace. After they were in two vases, she kept saying how they made the house seem like spring.

Feb. 16 Tonight had been invited to a garden-club meeting in a nearby community to talk on "Spring Garden Work." Well, sir, I was just getting under way when somebody spoke up.

"How can we get rid of crabgrass?" I was off to the races. I spent the whole time just answering questions like that.

I told 'em that the worst enemy of crabgrass is bluegrass. So the first big step is to give the lawn a good application of plant food the latter part of this month or early next. This gives the bluegrass an early boost. If there is a thick turf of grass, the crabgrass has a harder time getting started, come May and growing time.

Feb. 19 Now by late afternoon I had a bad case of garden itch. The spirit moved me greatly. Thermometer was up to 60. The day was at hand to get outside and begin pruning chores.

But alas, when I sallied forth, the soil was soggy and squishy. Do more harm to tromp on it than do good to the bushes. So all I did was contemplate.

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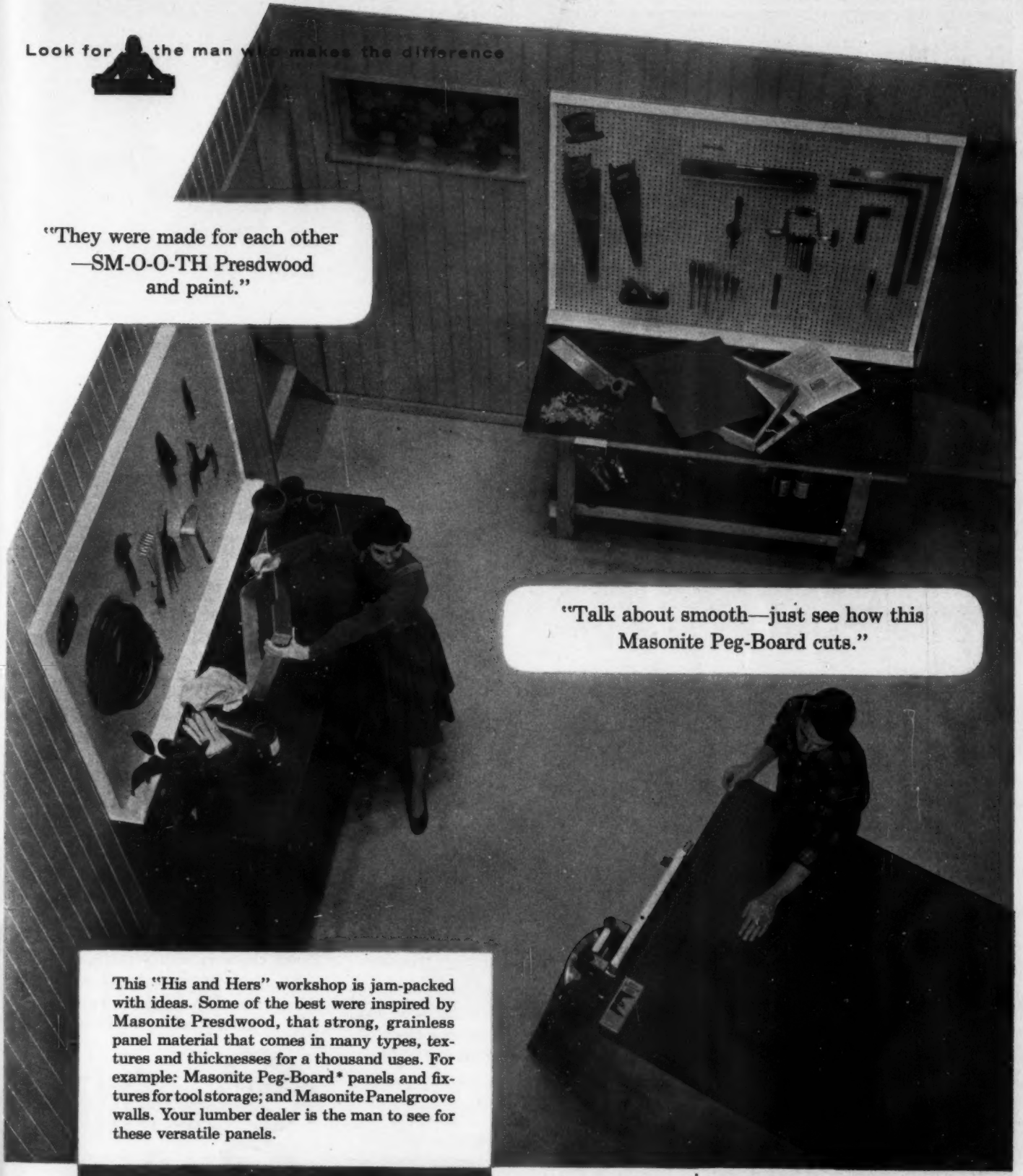

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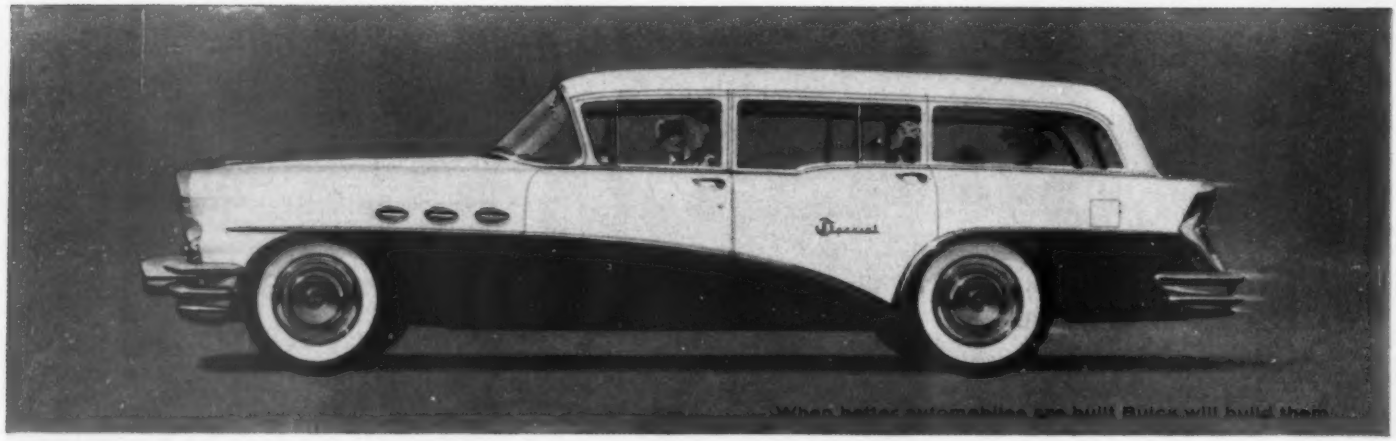

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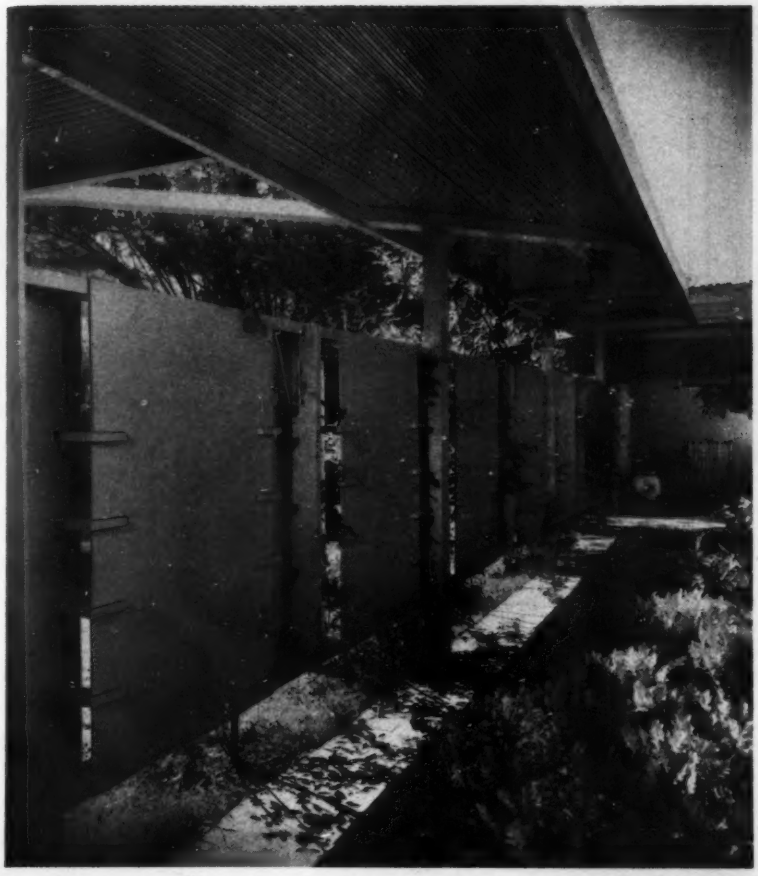

For privacy and beauty, here's a fence that's hard to beat. Sheets of weatherproof plywood are supported top and bottom by 2x4s. Blankness of sheets is pleasantly broken by strips of 1x1 attached at even intervals to 1x4 separators

For simplicity of construction but dramatic shadow pattern, expose framework to the street. This fence screens a service yard, is made of plain vertical boards of redwood finished natural to match walls of the house

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Pickets on both sides of a post-and-cap framework give this fence same appearance from both sides. So the fence cap could follow a curve, it is made of ten 1x2s, set on edge, and laminated

Good ideas for fence builders

By John Robinson

For privacy, for keeping out wind, for keeping out children and dogs, or for separating areas, a fence is a fine solution. The right fence can go a long way toward improving the looks of your home, but it must be the right fence.

You don't need to build a fence that will make your neighbors think you're trying to hide from them—unless you *are* trying to hide from them. With the right fence, you can keep out pests while welcoming friends, or you can let air filter through while keeping out gales.

Here are a number of fences that do their job well. They are attractive from both sides. They have texture, pattern, color. Yet they are properly subordinate to both house and garden.

When you design and build your fence, avoid these pitfalls:

A zigzag or scalloped top. The top of a fence is its strongest line, and should be kept clean and straight. A jumpy fence top detracts from its [*Turn to page 199*

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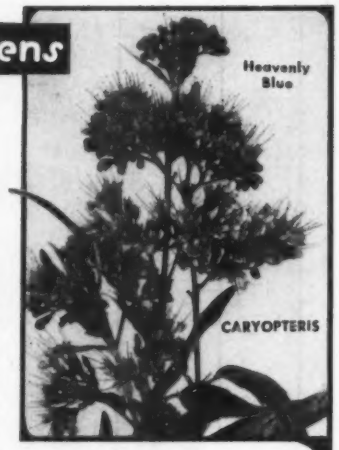

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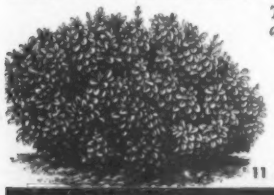

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Start planting sprigs of St. Augustine and centipede grasses in Lower South around the middle of the month. . . . Feed lawns in Lower and Middle South with a complete plant food to encourage early growth. . . .

Plant muscadine or Scuppernong grapes from Tennessee to the Gulf Coast. . . . Set out new hardy lilies in Middle and Upper South. . . . Plant gladiolus, callas, tuberoses, caladiums, and gloriosas in Lower South. . . . Continue to plant evergreens, shrubs, and trees in all areas. . . . Prune summer-flowering shrubs now.

Texas and Southwest Plant pecans for both shade and nuts if your soil is well drained. . . . Continue to plant shrubs, trees, and vines in all of the Southwest when weather permits. . . . Inspect bark of trees and shrubs for scale insects. Use dormant-oil spray to control pests before plants leaf out. . . .

Set out red raspberries, dewberries, and blackberries. . . . Finish sowing larkspur, calendula, poppies, cleome, and other cool-weather annuals. . . . Divide and transplant overgrown clumps of daylilies, shasta daisies, and phlox. . . .

Soak down the compost heap and water the lawn in dry areas. . . . Water evergreens of all kinds in dry areas to prevent windburn. . . . Cut out few of the older branches of nandinas, to encourage new growth from base.

California Hurry to complete planting of bare-root shrubs and trees. . . . Plant the smoke-tolerant Ginkgo tree in smog areas. . . . Trim fuchsias, geraniums, plumbagos,

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Cut off storm-damaged limbs, deadwood. Brush a tree paint on cuts over inch in diameter

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and lantanas as soon as the first new shoots appear. . . .

Complete dormant spraying of deciduous shrubs to destroy scale insects before new growth starts. . . . Spray flowering peach trees with calcium polysulphide before the leaf buds open to control peach leaf curl. . . .

Prune cotoneaster, eugenia, hibiscus, pittosporum, and the very early flowering shrubs that have finished bloom. . . . Sprinkle a cup of sulfur around base of established heather plants to encourage better foliage and bloom next season.

Central and East Scatter sand or ashes on icy walks and driveways; salt will damage your lawn if used. . . . Keep snow "broomed" from evergreens to prevent damage caused by weight and wind. . . .

Build shallow boxes or flats out of scrap lumber to sow seeds in this spring. Or begin saving milk cartons to start plants on narrow window sills. . . . Start to prune grapevines, fruit, and ornamental trees the first mild days. . . . Continue to put food out for the winter birds on a daily basis. . . . Take pictures of your home grounds as a record of appearance before improvements. Sketch improvements you want to make on pictures to give an idea how it will look.

Pacific Northwest Cut off winter-damaged tree limbs, and deep-feed trees not fed last fall. . . . Thin out climbing roses. Large-flowered climbers having few canes need light pruning, one or two of largest old canes cut out. Small-flowered climbers with many willowy canes need all of the oldest canes removed. . . .

Sow sweetpeas outdoors along the coast before the end of the month. . . . Plant daylilies, bleeding heart, Japanese anemone, plantain-lilies, and other shade-tolerant flowers under trees or on shady side of house. . . . Finish pruning fruit trees as soon as possible. . . . Sow grass seed on thin lawn spots, and get plant food for spreading next month.

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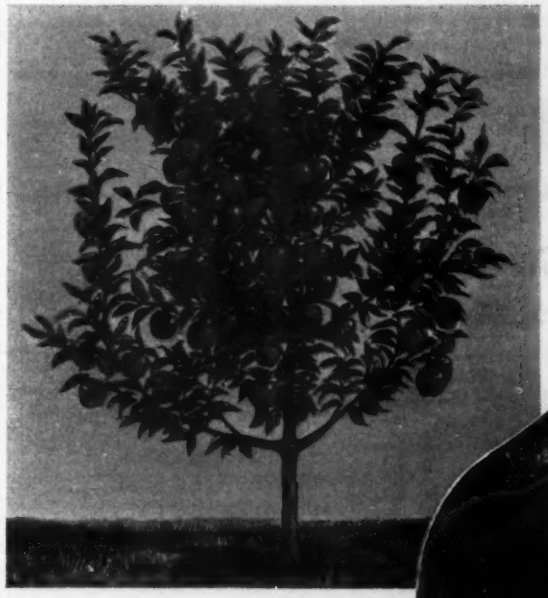

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What I'd teach my children

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advertising to a facsimile of the bottle and would prohibit the advertisers from suggesting any connection between their product and health, wealth, brains, and beauty. And I would strenuously oppose that type of advertising which directs its appeal specifically to young people.

Finally, and most important, I would try to protect my children from the alcoholic booby trap by surrounding them with the kind of environment in which they would feel loved, wanted, understood.

I would treat them as persons possessed of real human dignity. I would see that they went to church and Sunday school; that they acquired the rudiments of a faith which would be strong enough to carry them through the crises and tensions of life, without recourse to a glass crutch.

But, someone will say, what about prohibition? Wouldn't that solve the whole problem?

I don't think so. It didn't before. The social acceptance of alcohol and its status as a folkway, derived from hundreds of centuries of human use, cannot be quickly or easily repealed.

In our kind of a world, it's just as important to tell our children the truth about the grape and the grain as it is to brief them on the birds and the bees. The "Cautious Carries," who make a mystery of alcohol and clam up when questions are asked about drinking, are as much the enemies of the health of our children as were the "Nice Nellies," who made "sex" a dirty word.

Thrifty pork dinners

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Cream shortening and sugar; add egg and beat well. Stir in milk, then bran and raisins. Sift together dry ingredients; stir into bran mixture just till moistened. Fill greased muffin pans ⅔ full. If desired, sprinkle tops with additional bran. Bake in hot oven (400°) 20 to 25 minutes. Makes 10 to 12.

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Sift dry ingredients into mixing bowl; add milk, shortening, and vanilla. Beat vigorously 2 minutes. Add egg. Beat 2 minutes longer. Pour into paper-lined 8x8x2-inch pan. Bake in hot oven (400°) about 20 minutes. Serve warm with Cherry Sauce (see page 164).

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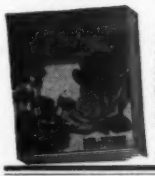

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The diary of a plain dirt gardener

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Feb. 21 Donald and Janet, with the kiddies, are out in Iowa now, visiting with Janet's folks. Donald called back last night to know how things are going here. So today Maggie and I drove over to his new place to check up.

By the way, the new shovel and spade that I ordered for Donald last month, have arrived. These are heavy-duty kind, like landscape and nursery firms use. He will need them to do all the outdoor work ahead of him at his new place.

Feb. 22 Now David is beginning to get a bad case of gardener's itch too. At breakfast today he started talking about spring work. He thinks only in terms of doing it with mechanical power.

First he wants to sell or trade our big tiller. Then he'll buy a new kind of power equipment—just what, he doesn't know. He wants it big enough to get the ground ready—gentle enough to do any kind of light cultivation and versatile enough to work up small beds as well as the big vegetable patch.

If I'll just provide the dough to buy this paragon of a machine—why, he'll see to getting the work done.

Feb. 24 At work time, hurried out with pruning shears, big lopping shears, and pruning saw, to tackle that big hedge at the back. Well sir, the truth is, I didn't get too much done. Found out that I'm not yet in working trim, after long weeks with no heavy exercise.

Feb. 25 First chore tonight was put the sash on the little electric hotbed. This will give the soil a chance to get dried out before time to sow vegetable seeds sometime next month. Then on to pruning and worked a bit longer.

Feb. 28 This morning the news is that Donald and the family came back home from their trip late last night. He called to give the word. Maggie answered it from the extension phone in the upstairs hall.

Useful invention, these extension phones. If I just had one out in the toolshed, I wouldn't have to run in, huffing and puffing, when somebody calls and I'm out choring.

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There is some reason to hope that this plant hormone, or a closely related chemical, will also control tumors and cancerous growths in animals. It is certainly a forward step in our search for the cause and cure of cancer.

For more raspberries, prune light

Not satisfied with your raspberry yield? Then prune less and feed more. This recommendation is based on five years' research by Dr. D. F. Allmendinger, of the Western Washington Experiment Station, Puyallup.

Dr. Allmendinger reports that raspberries pruned to 12 fruiting canes per plant produced half a ton more fruit per acre than plants with 9 canes. With extra nitrogen, an extra one-third ton of berries was produced. Raspberries pruned to 6 canes to a hill responded only slightly to extra nitrogen.

Peat lowers soil temperatures

Tests at Kansas State College show the superiority of peat as a mulch for reducing soil temperatures.

When carnations were mulched with ground corncobs, temperatures below the mulch were only one degree cooler than on bare soil. Manure mulches reduced temperatures about 4 to 8 degrees, but peat reduced them as much as 10 degrees.

The natural sugars in ground corncobs offer food for fermenting bacteria, which raise temperatures. Since peatmoss does not ferment, its insulating value is unimpaired.

More progress on pest control

Two important advances in controlling fungus diseases of plants have been reported recently.

One is a new antibiotic, called Filipin, developed by workers at the University of Illinois. It controls gray leaf spot of tomatoes, and also protects pea and tomato seeds from various soil fungi.

The other advance is a new technique for using streptomycin. Scientists have found that it works much better when mixed with glycerine. Like other antibiotics, streptomycin is water-soluble and doesn't adhere well to foliage. The glycerine holds it in contact with the plant until it can do its work.

Weed society brings work

Tired of fighting weeds? Take heart. A special organization, called the Weed Society of America, has been formed to coordinate and promote research on weeds.

The founding of the society is probably overdue. Since the discovery of 2,4-D in 1943, more progress has been made in chemical weed control than was made in all the previous history of horticulture. Unfortunately, the research has been unorganized, with no over-all program for discovering the basic facts about why weeds live—and die.

The new society hopes to coordinate the work of its members and stimulate basic research that will help us understand more about the plants we are trying to destroy. Interested in helping this work along? Then write Dr. W. C. Jacob, Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station, Urbana Illinois, for further information.

Pruning and shearing keep hedges neat and trim

The attractiveness of a hedge depends on uniformity and neatness—the two major aims of all pruning and shearing.

Below are suggestions on techniques—how to prune and shear. At right are tips on how to select a pattern for shearing the hedge. A good pattern will make it easier to keep the hedge thick and compact at the base.

Informal hedges need pruning only once a year. Prune all spring-flowering types after flowering, summer-flowering in early spring.

First, cut out thin, twiggy growth and deadwood. Remove a few of older branches entirely, then head back wayward top growth.

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Formal hedges need shearing frequently enough to keep them trim. Attractiveness depends on how accurately you shear, how close you get to the symmetrical pattern you chose.

If hedge is long, use guidelines of some sort. Don't depend on your eye alone.

What shapes are best

Flat top, sides sloping to base. Top will shade sides too much—as top gets thicker, the base will grow thinner

Round top, sides sloping to base. Same problem as above, but not as exaggerated. Base growth will still be too thin

Box-shaped. Only most vigorous hedges will stay thick to base if trimmed this way. Most will be thin near base

Round top, vertical sides. Slightly superior to standard box but more difficult to trim evenly due to curved lines

Narrow top, broader base. This lets sun reach sides so plants stay thick. Straight lines make trimming easier

Tall hedge. Maximum effective height for screening with deciduous plants is just about twice width of base

Shapes for evergreens

Columnar. Shape matches natural contour of upright evergreen. Shearing is done only to keep growth compact

Modified box. Top sloped to shed heavy snow, sides sloped to catch sun. Most can be pruned to this shape

Globe-shaped. Similar to natural shape of many smaller evergreens. Shear only to keep growth compact, neat

Cut along dotted lines

Hedges make a lot more livable

Here's what they can do for you

Protection: Keep children on well-defined lawn areas. Even when hedge is not impenetrable, children are less likely to run into street. Hedges also stop cross traffic.

Privacy: Conceal too-close highways or simply blot out unsightly views. Separate the service-yard clutter from living area. They may even create an outdoor room.

Beauty: Evergreen types give year-round service. Flowering shrubs can give color in spring or summer. All types can give better use of space, easier maintenance.

Property markers: Well-kept hedges make good neighbors, and there's a size and type for every lot. If there's room for a house, there's room for a clipped hedge.

Screens and windbreaks: Shrub hedges absorb traffic noise and dust, help control breezes. Tree hedges, north of house, reduce velocity of prevailing winds.

Flowers and fruit: Unsheared hedges take more room, but plants produce normal quota of flowers, fruit. Use any favorite shrub—only limit is adaptability to area.

You can improve your place in countless ways with a hedge. Like a fence, a hedge works year around helping you get better use of your lawn space.

When you consider how to make a hedge work for you, ideas will come faster if you think of hedges as "outside walls." Since hedges take time to grow, consider them early in your planting. Try to anticipate your needs as your neighborhood grows and changes.

Most frequently, hedges are used as boundary markers, to separate lot line from lot line. They do this superbly. But don't overlook the other places where divisions can help. Use them to screen your vegetable garden, service area, or outdoor living space.

If you like flowers, you will find that a hedge makes a good background to show off perennials and bulbs—but use deep-rooted plants, not surface feeders. You can also get hedges with flowers of their own.

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How to select a hedge that will meet your needs

Get the right size. Before you select your plants, decide how high you want the hedge to be, then buy plants which will be close to that height at maturity. Don't guess—check the catalogs, ask your nurseryman. If you plant shrubs that grow too big, you will spend unnecessary time in clipping and shearing.

Deciduous or evergreen? Evergreens have a consistent value the year around. Flowering shrubs can give a more dramatic show, when in bloom. Evergreens grow more slowly and take less maintenance, but are more expensive.

To keep hedge vigorous, give it help each year

Keep base of hedge free of weeds and grass until it thickens up and prevents cultivation. Feed hedges once each year, either spring or fall, with balanced plant food such as you use on your lawn. If plants are set very close or clipped severely and often, feed at least twice a year.

Hedges past their second year need little extra water, except in driest summers. If water is needed, add a lot—moisten soil to depth of at least a foot. A permanent, light mulch will benefit all hedges in dry locations.

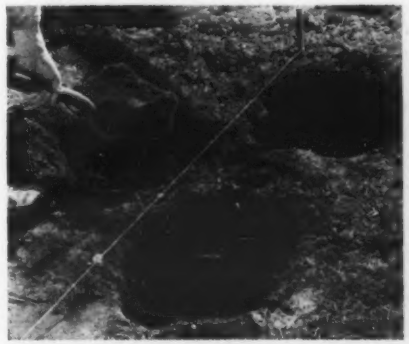
Good hedges for small lots, listed by approximate heights

Common name	Ultimate height unclipped	Minimum height clipped	Evergreen or deciduous	Spacing
Arborvitae "Little Gem"	2′	1′	evergreen	1½′
Dwarf Highbush cranberry	2′	1½′	deciduous	12″
Dwarf Sweet mockorange	3′	1½′	deciduous	12″
Lodense privet	3′	1½′	deciduous	12″
Warty barberry	3′	2′	evergreen	1½′
Dwarf ninebark	4′	2′	deciduous	1½′
Froebel spirea	4′	2½′	deciduous	1½′
Dwarf holly (I. crenata convexa)	4′	1½′	evergreen	1½′
Dwarf Korean boxwood	4′	1½′	evergreen	1½′
Alpine currant	4′	3′	deciduous	15″
Glossy abelia	4½′	4′	semievergreen	2′
Mentor barberry	5′	2½′	semievergreen	1½′
Sargent Weeping hemlock	5′	2½′	evergreen	3′
Dwarf Winged euonymus	6′	3′	deciduous	2′
Dwarf Japanese quince	6′	3′	deciduous	2′
Hedge cotoneaster	9′	4′	deciduous	2′
Dwarf Japanese yew	10′	4′	evergreen	3′
Amur privet	15′	3½′	deciduous	2′
Redcedar	20′	6′	evergreen	3′
Amur maple	20′	4½′	deciduous	3′

Cut along dotted lines

How you plant hedge depends on what effect you want, how fast you want it

Use trench method if hedge will be lined up straight and plants set close together. Trench two-spades wide carries most young plants. This row method allows easy watering and maintenance while hedge is getting established



Staggered row is good if you have space for a wider hedge, or if you want a quicker screen effect. In both methods, remove sod first then pulverize fill soil. Mark all planting spots before you start digging to get even spacing

Set plants in place, keeping them at same depth they grew in nursery. Cover with pulverized soil and pack gently. If fast growth is desired, mix peat or compost in soil. Plant food need not be added until growth starts

Water plants immediately after planting. Use enough to thoroughly settle the soil about the roots and remove air pockets. Repeat in three or four days. Check plants soon after watering to see that they have not settled out of line

Prune plants severely after planting. Cut back deciduous hedges three-fourths if they are to be sheared, one-half if they are to be informal. Prune evergreen hedges less severely, only enough to ensure growth after transplanting

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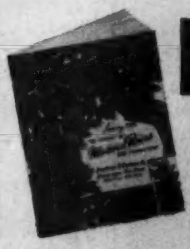

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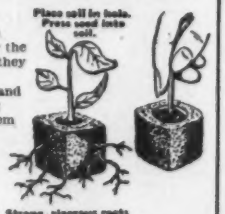

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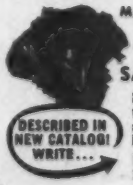

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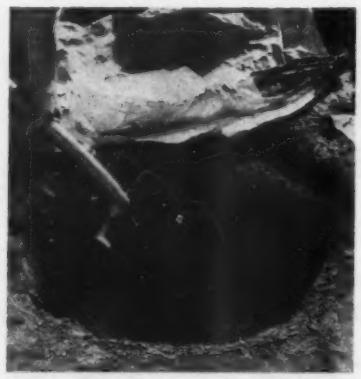

1 Plant new roses as soon as possible after you get them from the nursery.

Leave plants in their pack and store in a cool place if they must be held for good planting weather. Dig planting hole big enough to allow roots to spread naturally.

2 Fashion a mound of soil in bottom of the hole to spread roots over.

Make hole for your big hybrid tea roses at least a foot deep, 18 to 20 inches wide.

If soil is poor, work in compost or peat moss, up to one-fourth by volume.

3 Set rose in the hole and spread roots over mound.

Use a shovel handle to get rose at same depth it was planted in the nursery.

Swollen spot on the trunk where rose was budded should be about an inch below level of soil in rose bed.

a rose . . .

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4 Pull loose soil in around the roots, and firm gently.

If the surrounding soil is dry, add water before you finish filling hole. Leave a shallow basin at top of hole to speed watering.

Water thoroughly to settle soil about roots. Then pull in more loose soil to level.

5 Cut new canes back to a strong outside bud, so new growth will not crowd center of plant. Remove thin canes entirely.

Examine labels to see that they are securely attached, yet not so tight they will bind stems as rose grows.

6 Protect cut ends of canes by thumbing on wads of glazing compound, or by brushing on a tree paint.

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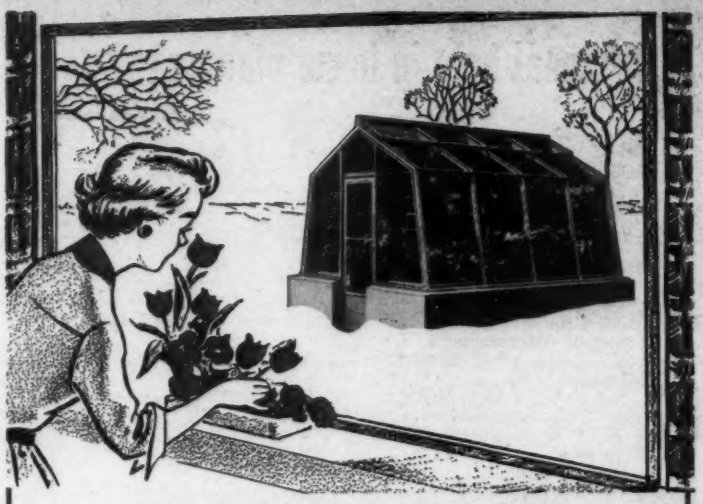
7 Cover new roses with burlap, straw, or some other improvised shade until buds start to grow.

Check plants every two or three days, and water if the soil begins to dry out.

Feed with a balanced plant food when new shoots are 4 to 6 inches long.



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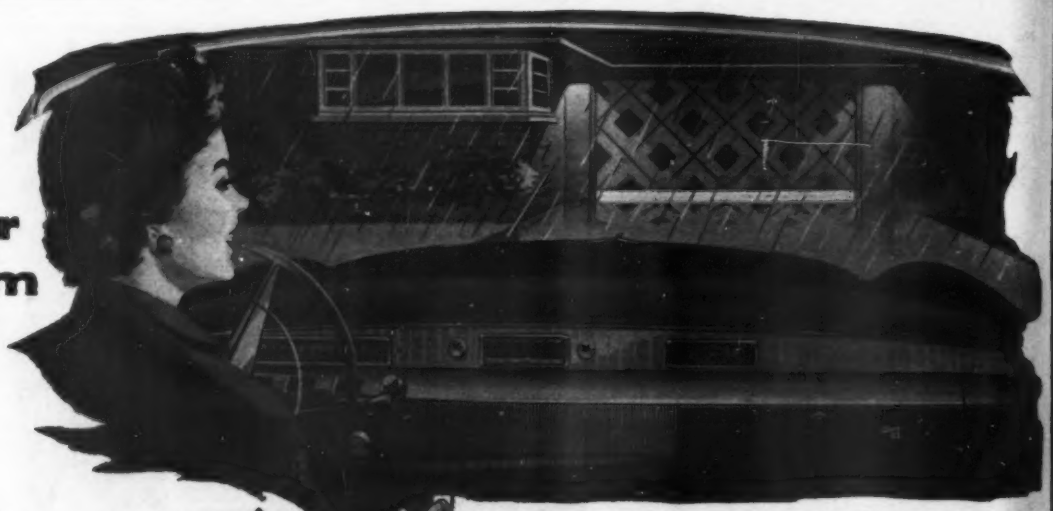

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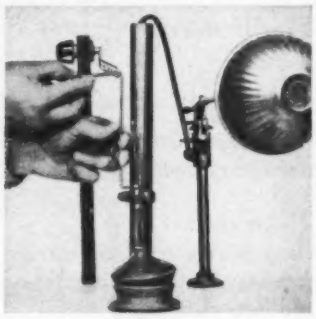
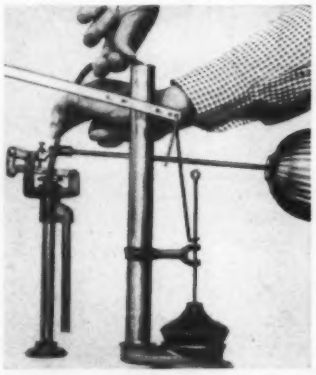
PROBLEM C: *Adjust linkage wire to end water loss*



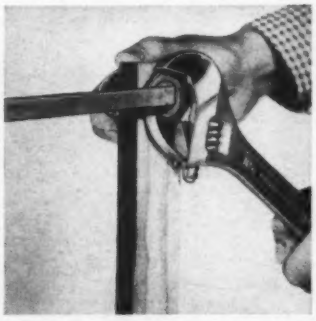
1 Straighten linkage wire connecting lift wire with trip arm.

Rebend it so flush ball is lifted higher when handle is turned. This prevents suction of the water rushing through seat from "pulling" flush ball until the tank is empty.



2 Check refill tube to make sure it's properly bent so water flowing from it goes into overflow pipe. You can bend this tubing with your fingers.

The refill tube helps maintain correct water level in tank so trap can seal off tank from soil lines running through your house. The tube is usually made from copper.



3 Tighten handle on tank if it's loose. Hold handle in one hand and gently turn nut on inside.

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Good ideas for fence builders

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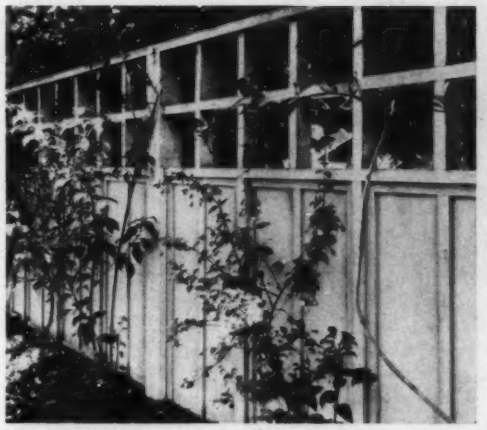
surroundings, will clash with the architecture of your house. On slopes, drop the fence line with a few large steps, not many small ones (see bottom picture, page 200).

A high, heavy fence around a small house. The house will seem to cringe behind the fence. A strong, broad fence, however, can make a tall, old-fashioned house seem lower.

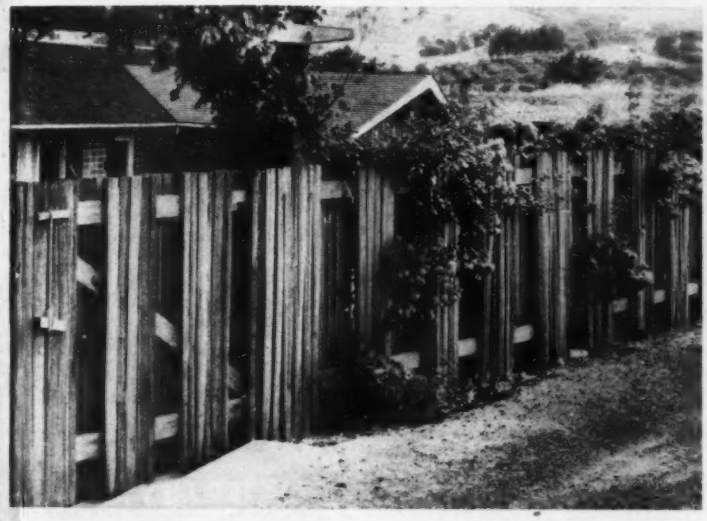
A high fence on a narrow lot. If your lot isn't broad, a low fence with strong horizontal lines will appear to widen it.

A split-rail fence on a city lot is big in scale for the area enclosed, gives no privacy, is a challenge to children and dogs.

Building a fence simply for the sake of building a fence. Unless you have service or garden areas to screen off or protect, unless you crave outdoor privacy, or unless you need a device to tie house into setting, you may be better off with no fence at all.

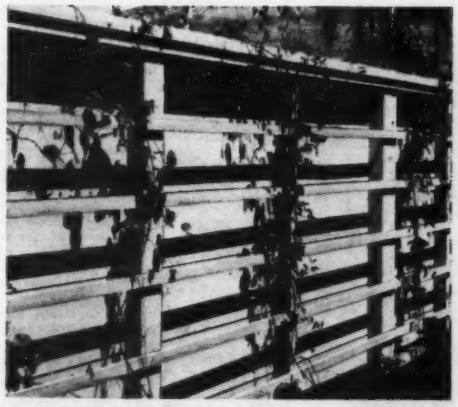


If all you want is a low fence that keeps out animals, but you dislike the proportions of a low one, extend 2x4 supports up a couple of feet to form a grid. This type of fence screens effectively without seeming to, and you can let foliage weave through the openings

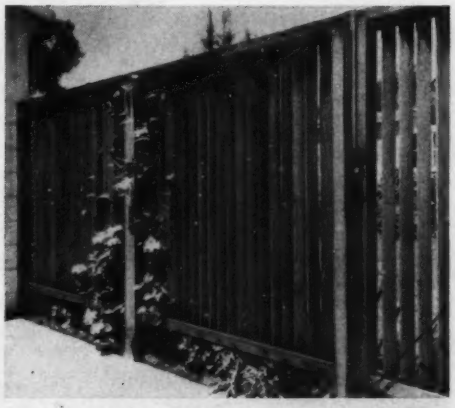


Instead of a fence made of solid pickets, as in the picture at the bottom of page 200, pickets are nailed up here in groups of five, with width of three pickets between groups.

Thus fence is too solid to see through, but its horizontal framework peeks through, and summer breezes leak through.



Shadow strips made of wood battens nailed on the inside of this fence add to its horizontal lines, make fence seem like less of a barrier. Battens also serve as lattice for vines to climb on. Posts are 4x4s; cap is a 2x6 laid over a 2x4, back offset to cast shadows



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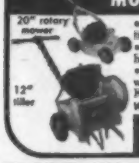

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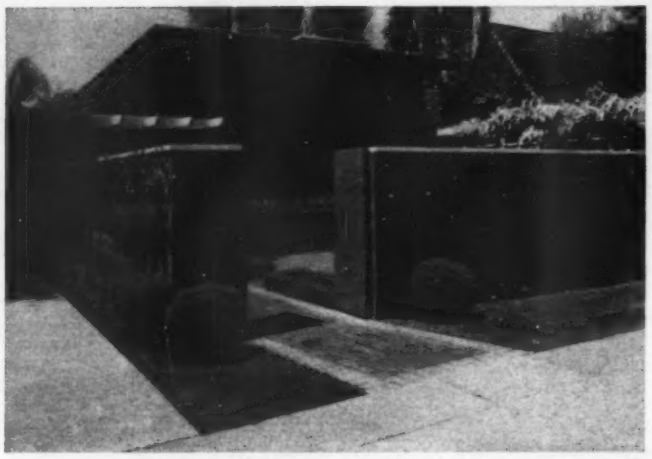

Severe horizontal line of this fence matches horizontal effect of brick of house, but smoothness of wood contrasts effectively with rough brick. Fence thus seems part of the house, not an offensive barrier

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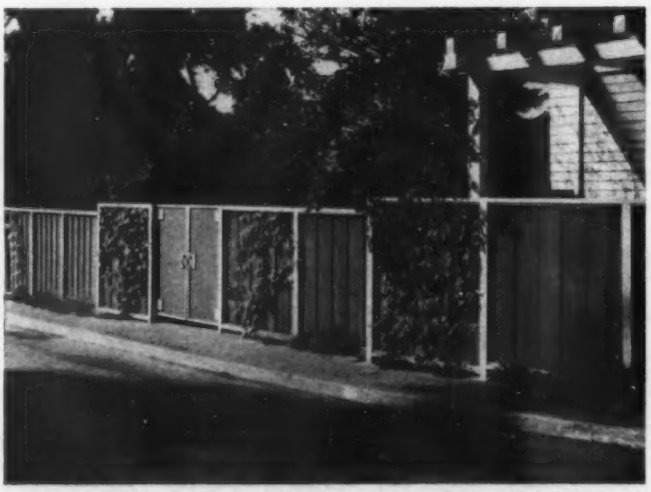

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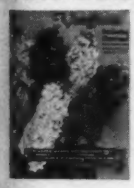

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My daughter wants a parakeet for her birthday. We hesitate to buy one for fear that she may contract some disease from the bird.

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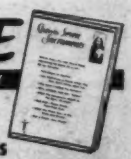

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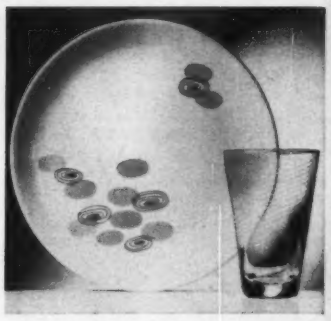
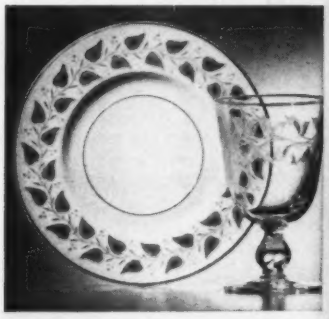
An added advantage is that it's an inexpensive but stunning trio.



Leaf design is always popular; attractive with traditional furnishings.

The china plate displays the lovely Coventry pattern. The crystal is Laurel Classic design.

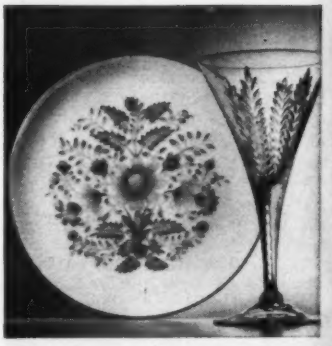
Both china and crystal blend handsomely with the Primrose silverware.



Brilliance of design keynotes this elaborate, contemporary trio.

The slender Lexington goblet is cone-shaped and stunning with the rich Cascade pattern of the coupe-shaped plate.

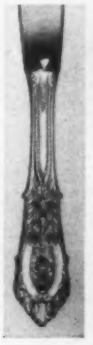
Southwind silver pattern repeats the lines of the china and crystal.



A rose garden inspired each of these pieces.

In their design motif, they suggest the charm you associate with traditional and Eighteenth Century furnishings.

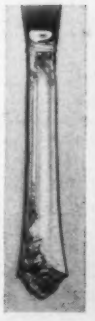
China pattern is Mayfair, glassware is Rose, and the decorative silver pattern is Rose Point.

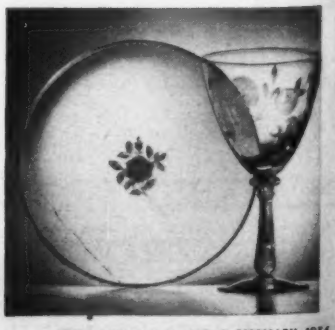


Exquisitely cut crystal goblet has pretty counterparts in the fine china and silver.

Size and flare of goblet are in perfect proportion to coupe-shaped plate.

A rose design is used on each: Roselyn china, Rose crystal, and Damask Rose silver.





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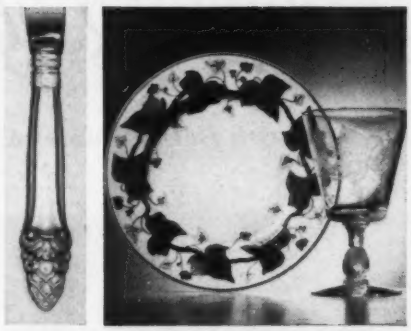
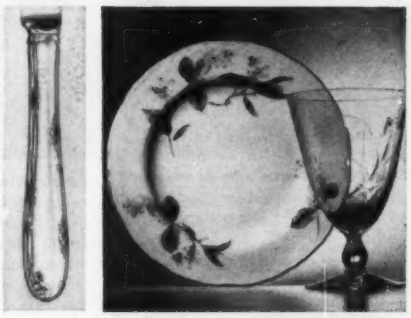


Twining ivy has a timeless appeal. The original design for the dinnerware was made for dishes used by Emperor Napoleon.

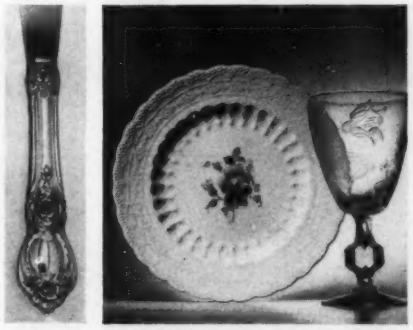
The dinnerware pattern is called Napoleon Ivy. Waterford-shaped goblet repeats ivy motif.

Sovereign pattern silver lends stateliness.



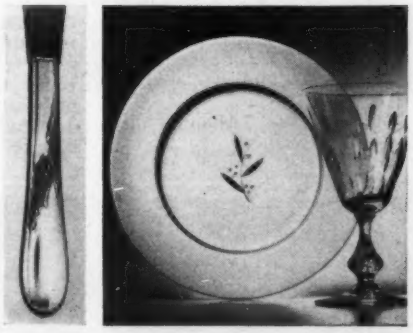
Low-stemmed Lily of the Valley goblet dramatizes the flowing lines of the Orange Blossom china.

Add the Madeira silver pattern, and you'll have a charming ensemble for a provincial table setting.



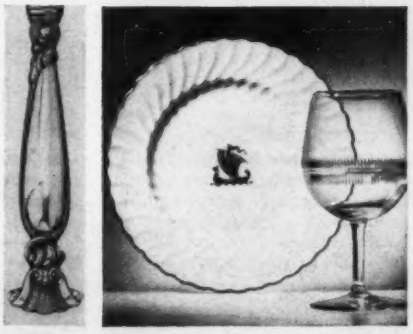
Billingsley Rose dinnerware is complemented by the beautifully cut rose crystal. Both are right for traditional settings.

A dainty rose motif is also seen in the attractive Stanton Hall silver.



A classic simplicity is the beauty of this Westwood china pattern and Willow crystal.

The harmonizing lines and design are found in Silver Wheat sterling pattern. All are perfect for contemporary furnishings.



Sea motifs are seen in both china and silver.

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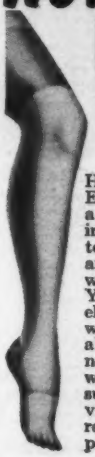

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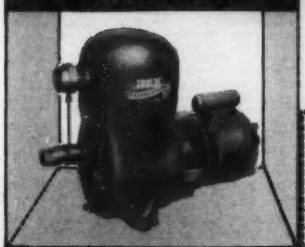

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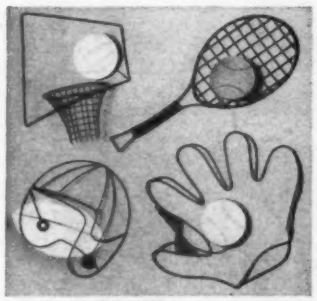

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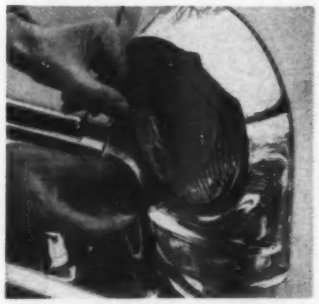

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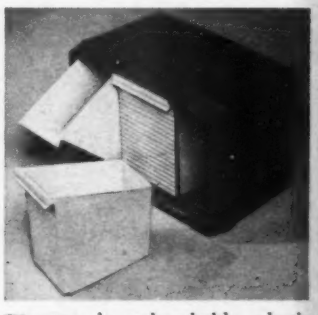

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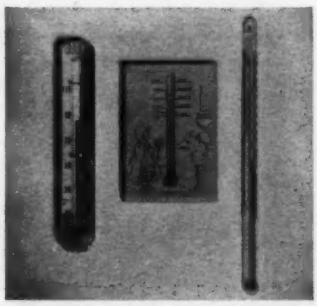

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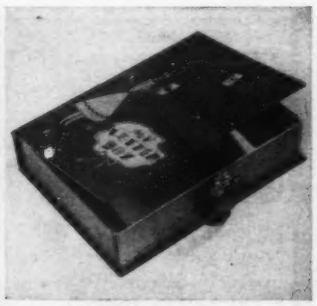

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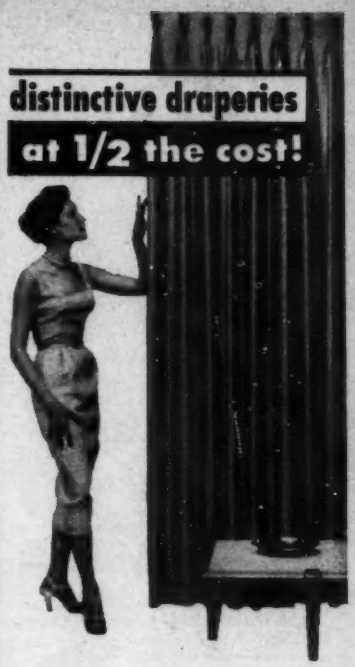

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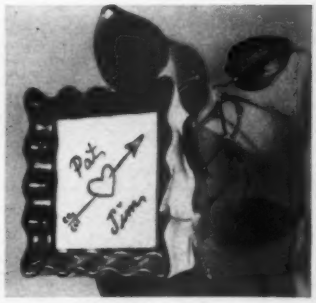

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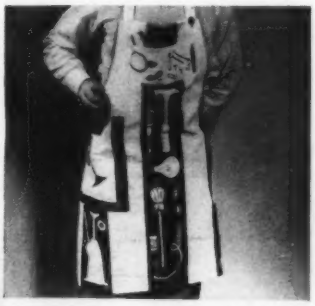

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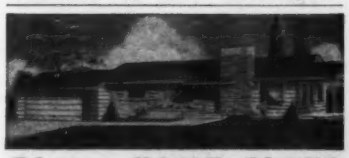

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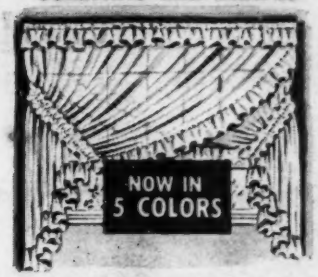

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Home Appliances Division
AVCO Manufacturing Corporation

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Best-of-Contest Awards

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Lennox Industries Inc.

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Kitchen-Utility Division Winners will receive a refund of the full purchase price of any 1956 *Magic Chef Gas Range* used in their winning project. Suitable evidence of purchase and use must be shown.

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Best-of-Contest Winners will receive a cash refund equal to the retail cost (equipment only) of the *Mueller Climatrol Heating* and *Air Conditioning* unit they have installed in their homes, if installed during 1956. If both *Mueller Climatrol Heating* and *Air Conditioning* have been installed during 1956, the cost for air conditioning (equipment only) will be refunded.

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John Oster Manufacturing Co.

Addition Division Winners in Class "A" will receive a *Cummins Maxaw, No. 737, Portable Electric Saw*.

Kitchen-Utility Division Winners in Class "A" will receive a *Model No. 403 Chrome Deluxe Osterizer*.

The Reardon Company

All Division Winners who use either *Dramex Interior Finish, Ready Mixed Dramex, Bondex Cement Paint* or *Bondex Heavy Duty* in their winning entry will be refunded the full product purchase price. Winners must show suitable evidence of use of products mentioned.

The Regina Corporation

Interior-Division Winners will be presented with a *Regina Electrikbroom. Kitchen-Utility Division Winners* will be presented with a *Regina Twin-Brush Polisher* and *Scrubber*.

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Division Winners in any of the four Classes who purchase a *Tappan Range* in 1956, will be refunded the full purchase price of that range.

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Division of Norris-Thermador Corporation

Kitchen-Utility Division Winner in *Class "A"* whose winning entry is a kitchen project and who used a 1956 electric *Thermador Bilt-In Range* will receive the following *Thermador* electric products—"*Masterpiece*" *Bilt-In Oven, Bilt-In Cook Top with Griddle* and electric *Thermador Bilt-In Warming Drawer*. Winners must show suitable evidence of purchase and use of a *Thermador Bilt-In Range* in their project.

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Interior and Addition Division Winners will receive a cash refund of the purchase price for any *Universal-Rundle Plumbing Fixtures* used in a winning entry.

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All Division Winners will be reimbursed for the cost of *U. S. Plywood Weldwood* products used in their winning entry, plus an equivalent amount in cash. Winners must show suitable evidence that products used are *Weldwood*.

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The best things in life are free, eh? Then how come my family shushes me sometimes when I come into the living room humming a free tune, just so they can hear that $3,000-a-night singer on their favorite TV program?

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This neighborhood has never produced a juvenile delinquent, so naturally we think we know the best recipe for bringing up children: a half-cup more than the cook book calls for in making cake frosting, so there'll be something there when they come running to lick the dish.

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Burton Hillis, Jr's. voice is changing. Sometimes he'll begin speaking like a little boy and end up talking like a grown man. I asked his mother if she'd noticed it. "Yes," she said. "He came in today and asked for a cooky, which I gave him. Then I inquired whether he'd cleaned the furnace filter, as I asked him to do three days ago. He said no, but he'd do it first thing tomorrow, or the first time he got a chance."

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The Baylesses—Peggy and Lee—promised to write to all us neighbors, but they've been in Florida two weeks and haven't written a line. So we fixed them! Just hung a temporary "For Sale" sign on their house and mailed them a picture of it, without a word.

Our A. K. (for Alley Kat) doesn't know birds can talk, so, when Elaine Cowan's parakeet, which flew into our house, talked and woke him up, he may have thought the whole thing ridiculous. He started for it, then suddenly changed his mind and went back to sleep. We don't know why, unless maybe he figured that if ordinary food gave him dreams like that, he'd better not go eating any talking birds.

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At a get-together the other evening, several parents in our block agreed that putting up with each other's boisterous kids and barking dogs over the years has taught us to get along well together. Then a sobering thought struck us: Our kids get along well together, and so do our dogs. You don't suppose—but no! Whoever heard of adults being hard to tolerate?

Don't worry about our Junior; he'll get along. "I've bought you the prettiest valentine in town," he told his mother the other evening. Then, secretly, he showed me. It's a little hand mirror.

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In the field of human relations, no place is more important than the little plot of ground that is your neighborhood. To grow something besides old on it, enrich it with a full measure of genuine friendliness.

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Tom Perkins just got back from visiting his son down East, and I asked him how young Bob was doing. "Sitting pretty," he assured me. "Has a house that overlooks the ocean and a wife that overlooks most of his shortcomings."

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"I could have been a delinquent just like anybody else," Bob Hannelly, Ph.D., recalled as we walked home from a panel discussion on child psychology, "but my mother tricked me. She made her constructive criticism sound like praise."

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It would be a lot easier for a father to sit in judgment on the unpredictable actions of a teen-age daughter if, just about then, she didn't come around and sit on his lap.

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"I found out a long time ago that I can save time by not arguing too convincingly with Grandma," said Grandpa Hillis as Grandma dragged him off on a shopping trip. "If I win, I keep wondering for hours whether maybe I was wrong; but if she wins, it takes her only a minute or two to persuade me it's for my own good."

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February should remind us not to grumble too much about the national debt. What if we had to pay back what we owe Washington and Lincoln?

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Everyone around here is upset. Those nice young newlyweds across the street had their first quarrel this week. Got into an argument about which one loved the other more.

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WINTER'S chill will stop at your window sill if, inside—the joy of being together keeps summer aglow in your hearts . . . nobody bears his burdens alone, but, united, you whittle them down . . . laughter is never cruel, and fun is your fountain of youth . . . the little treats, the small surprises, the simple blessings of every day are rich adventures, never-to-be-forgotten mountaintops on the highroad of life . . . a ribbon tied for someone, a muffler tucked in, a whispered secret keep sweet the daily journey. For these, the little things that warm the hearts we love, are tender notes, and precious in the song of Home Sweet Home.

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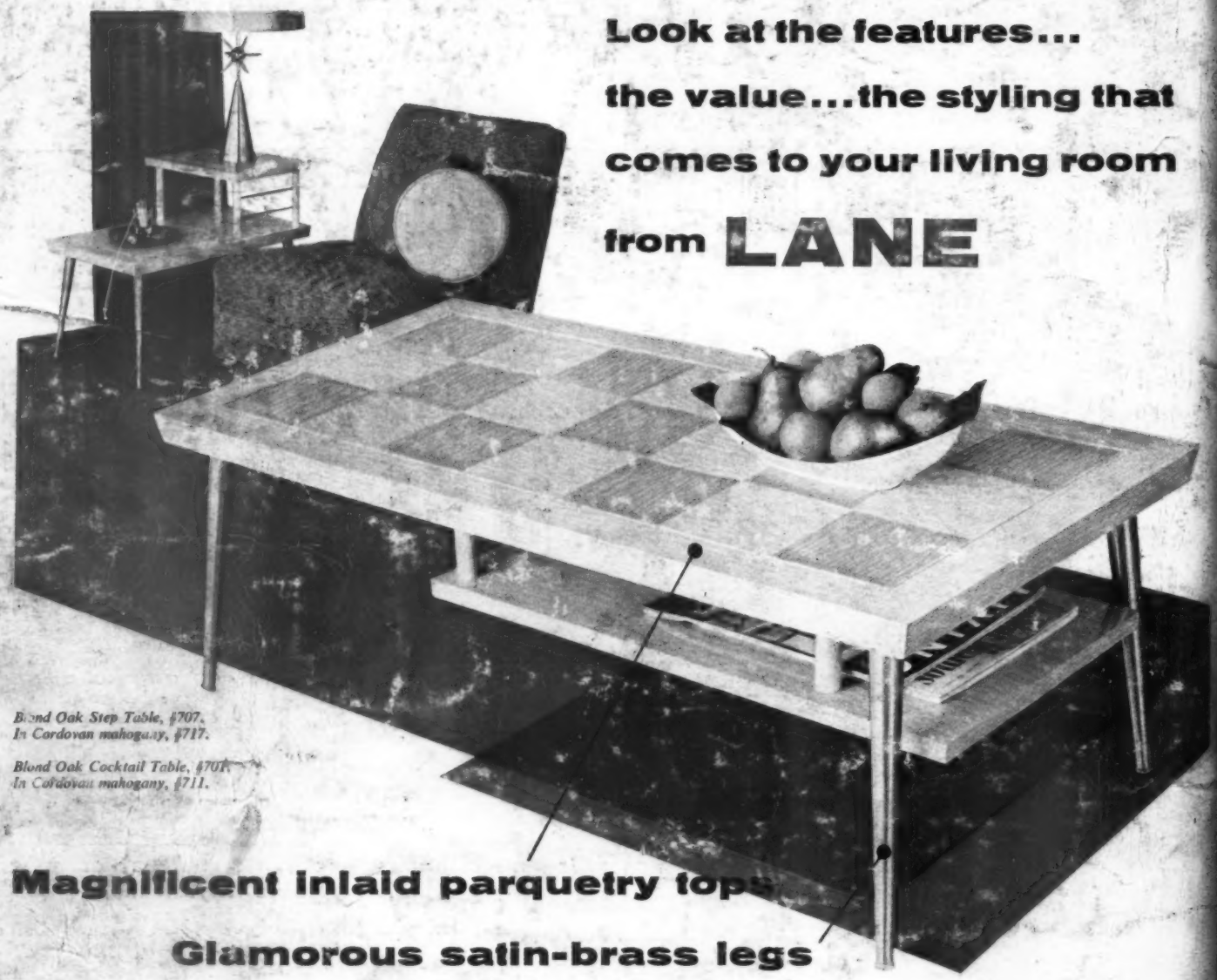

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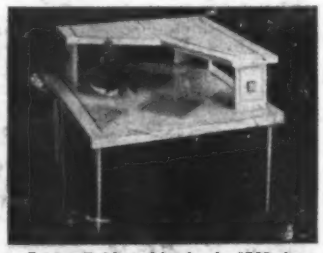

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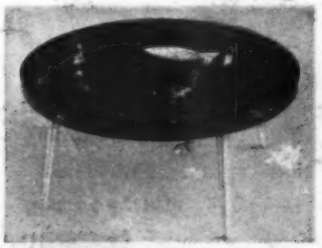

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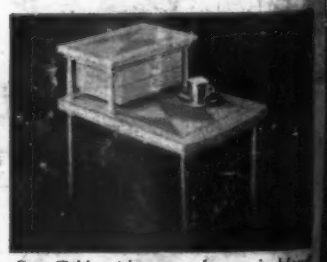

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